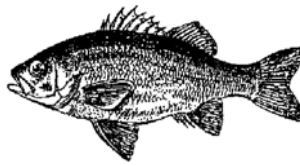


Australian Bass, *MACQUARIA NOVEMACULEATA*

THE BRONZE BATTLER

GENERAL MEETING **WEDNESDAY 6th OCTOBER**

Northmead Bowling, Recreation and Sporting
Club Ltd.
166 Windsor Rd Northmead.
7.30 pm start till 11pm.

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PETER MORSE TO SPEAK AT BASS SYDNEY MEETING

Bass Sydney Fishing Club has been lucky enough to obtain the services of well-known Fly fisherman Peter Morse as guest speaker at their October General Meeting. Peter has worked as a TV presenter on the fishing series "Wildfish", as a guide in the Gulf Country and has written several books. Long considered one of the best fly fishermen in Australia, Peter will talk about his ideas on fly fishing, whether it be salt or fresh water and give some insight into the sport as he sees it. Peter will start his start talk at 7.30 sharp. Entry is free to members and guests, but space may be limited. Peter has also offered one of his books as a raffle prize on the night, so why not come along, have a listen to a great speaker, spend a few bucks on the raffle and meet some other keen fishermen & women. More information can be obtained by accessing the Bass Sydney website, basssydney.com or by phoning 0409 532 309.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Members,

Haven't much to report, I would just like to point out that we have arranged a top guest speaker as mentioned above to talk at our October meeting. There will be advertising in Local Newspapers, Radio Fishing Shows and on the Internet Fishing Chat Sites. Hopefully this effort will attract a large crowd.

The committee has arranged high profile guest speaker's to talk at our October meetings for the last two years in an attempt to raise the profile of the club, and encourage more existing members and visitors to come along.

Also I'd like to point out that the meeting is a great venue to have a chat with other members and organise your next Bass fishing outing.

So come on guys, turn up at the October meeting to show your support.

Thanks, Dave.

GENERAL MEETING

Our guest speaker Simon Kaminskis gave a very informative talk on the history and ecology of Murray Cod. Simon, a Bachelor of applied science in ecology and environmental science, majoring in water science (freshwater ecology), vegetation and wildlife ecology. Also a keen native fish ecologist, conservationist, writer of native fish articles and an enthusiastic native fish angler.

Talk Topics

- # The history of Murray Cod.
- # The divergence of Eastern Cod.
- # Biology and spawning of Murray Cod.
- # Murray Cod as a unique native animal.
- # Stocking - why it has a place, but is not the long term answer.

The history of Murray Cod

Originated from marine origins with known fossils dating back 26 million years. As old as most of the animals and plants that characterised the Australian landscape.

Very adaptable to many environments, upland, low land, small and large rivers with the ability of making a go of any rivers in South East Australia.

Has split into several species.

The Divergence of Eastern Cod

The crossing of the Great Divide by Murray Cod is one of the most exciting natural historical events in South Eastern Australia. This happened by river capture, the capture of one river's headwaters by another and it happened in the last couple of million years. Genetic analysis gave a date of about 1.7 million years ago when Eastern Cod were created. The river divergence happened when the tributary of the Condamine and upper Clarence apparently linked at one stage allowing Murray Cod to travel east of the Great Divide. Murray Cod were living in the absolute headwaters of some streams at very high altitudes. The result of this was that four coastal river systems were holding naturally occurring coastal Cod at the time of European settlement. These were the Clarence and

Richmond rivers in northern NSW and the Brisbane and Mary rivers in southern QLD.

Today the Clarence river Eastern Freshwater Cod are endangered.

The Richmond river Eastern Freshwater Cod are extinct.

The Brisbane river Cod species are extinct and the Mary river Cod are critically endangered.

The Biology and Spawning of Murray Cod

Murray Cod are a long lived fish, up to 48 years old and 113.5 kg, but can probably reach greater age and size. They are a top predator using their size and large mouth to dominate their habitat and take all available prey and it is not uncommon for them to devour ducks that are peacefully swimming on the river.

Cod have a low fertility rate and produce a smaller number of large larvae, whereas a Bass will produce a million, so Cod larvae can suffer higher mortality during the early growth period. Unfortunately Murray Cod were not appreciated as a unique native animal and in some areas grossly over-fished and wasted. They are an adaptable, characteristic, successful, unique and beautiful species, which deserve greater respect.

Stocking

- # Can mask problems in habitats and fish stocks.
- # Can damage wild populations by swamping with hatchery fingerlings.
- # Can produce a loss of genetic diversity.
In the wild 200 parent fish may produce 200,000 larvae in ideal conditions, but may suffer huge mortality.
In a hatchery 2 parent fish with hormone induced breeding may produce 20,000 larvae. With artificially raised larval survival rates of 60-80% 12,000 juvenile fish can be produced from two parents with identical genetics. When the fingerlings are released into the wild genetic diversity can be lost forever.
Due to sheer logistics, producing hatchery bred fish with genetic diversity even remotely approaching wild fish is impossible.
- # So does stocking have a place, yes in some impoundments and rivers where native fish have become extinct and should be re-established.
- # Not a long-term future as it depends on humans for continued existence.

The Bass Sydney committee and members that attended the August meeting would like to thank Simon for the effort and dedication he put into his presentation. Simon travelled all the way from Canberra especially to talk to us and the tragedy was that only 15 members bothered to turn up and 8 of those

were the committee. The committee puts a huge effort into arranging good guest speakers and very few members seem to be aware of this.

While we are talking about Murray Cod our publicity officer Alan Izzard found this story. I'm sure you'll enjoy it.

Rohan's Cod

An old riverboat skipper told me once, the river used to be so clear that you could see the bottom, all the way down from New South Wales to the mouth in South Australia. The mighty Murray is a beautiful experience today, it must have been glorious back then. And the fishing! In one of my angling magazines there's a grainy 1920's black and white photograph of a bloke proudly standing next to his catch, a magnificent Murray Cod hoisted up on a veranda beam. The fish stands taller than the man by a head. Sadly, these magnificent fresh water giants have become something of a fable. Back then, Murray Cod were plentiful, but they either tasted too good, or were too easily hooked for sport. Whatever the reason, it seems that the best bait to catch even a ten kilogram tiddler these days, is extraordinary luck. Which is exactly what my eldest son had in his tackle box one Easter weekend a couple of years ago. Rohan is passionate about fish. Curiously though, about the only thing about fish that doesn't interest him, is eating them.

First light is a very special time on the river, it's also an exceptional time for a 14 year old to be up and at 'em. Water skiing filled the days, so he decided to drop a line before the rest of the camp got up. The morning mist seems to cling to the water, drifting along with what little flow we've condescendingly allowed the river retain, just enough to keep it alive, after choking it with no less than 26 locks and weirs along its' 1600 kilometre journey to the ocean. From the sandy riverbank Rohan could hear the fish inside the mist, splashing as they hunted low flying insects. The pelicans could hear them too, as they cruised the glassy surface with stealthy intent. When he was telling me the story later, imagining the scene was easy. You only need to be there once and the memory stays forever. Absolute solitude and peace are rare encounters in the life of a city dweller.

There are few sounds more exhilarating than the high-speed 'zzzzeeee' of a fishing reel when its line is being dragged away by a frenzied fish. As straight as a laser beam, the line

sliced across the surface towards the middle of the river, then it slashed downstream towards the Willow roots on the bank. Rohan knew that if the fish got amongst the labyrinth of roots that it was targeting, the contest would be over all too quickly. Nylon was still being dragged off the reel, but a little slower now. He tightened the drag just enough to make the fish work hard, too much and the line would snap. This was a big one. The run stopped abruptly, rod and line taugt as a drawn bow quivering with the strain. Testing the fish, Rohan slowly cranked the reel, the tip of the rod straining down towards the water. As the fish gave ground, Rohan cranked in a little more line. The battle was balanced, a duel that lasted another twenty long minutes, with the fish dragging line out and Rohan retrieving it again, each run getting shorter as the fish gradually ran out of energy.

The activity on the bank had caught the attention of one of the senior campers, a mates' dad. Running towards his car he yelled over his shoulder, "Hang on Ro, I'll get the landing net!". The fish was almost at Rohans' feet as it made one final desperate dash for freedom.

"It was a really big Cod", Rohan told the would-be netter half a minute later, not taking his eyes off the empty, drifting water.

"Nah! Probably just a big Carp. Never mind Ro', better luck next time"

"Before it made that last run Dad, I had the fish right up on the surface. It was almost a metre long." Then, with a wisdom I hadn't expected he said, "I'd really like to have had my photo taken with it, but, well, they'd have killed it so, I cut the line."

This was written by Greg Smith late in 1999. It seems Greg and Rohan are conservationists too. Shame many before us didn't share the same attitude.

CFA BASS COMMITTEE

The committee, set up under the umbrella of NSWCFCA held its first preliminary meeting at Northmead Bowling Club in May 2004. Attended by delegates from Bass Sydney, HNBAA, BMADAA and chaired by Bill Spiers co-ordinator from CFA. The committee decided to issue a "Press Release" to fishing magazines and to local newspapers on their decisions. Further meetings are to be organised in the Sydney region to discuss the problem of Prawn Trawling on the Hawkesbury River. In September 2004 Bill Spiers and John Humphries of the NSWCFCA addressed a gathering of fisho's, at the request of the Bass

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Kempsey Club, at their basscatch on the McCleay River. The club has indicated that they will consider affiliating with the NSWCFCA at their next meeting. Hopefully with a positive response the committee will then make further inroads in uniting Bass Fishing Clubs in NSW.

McCleay River Basscatch 2004

The results of the McCleay River basscatch were:
Total number of bass caught between about 75 anglers was 728.
Approx 14 over 400mm.
Largest 478mm.

It was an extremely well run event with excellent accommodation and venue. The Bass Kempsey club is to be congratulated on the way it ran the event and with the friendliness that was shown to all and sundry. They held a dinner briefing followed by a tackle auction on the Friday night, a 3-course meal and a huge raffle on Saturday night followed by a roast dinner on Sunday before the presentation. With breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings the entry fee was more than reasonable. It is a beautiful river and if I get the chance I will certainly try to get back there again.

Alan Izzard.

COLO CAPERS

Bass Sydney adventurer David Sanegor managed to squeeze a trip down his beloved Colo when he returned from the UK last February. His story will be split up over a number of Battlers because it's too long to fit in one issue.

Day 1: 6-2-04 Culoul range to Colo Junction via Wollemi creek.

An early start on Friday saw dad and I both driving up the Putty Rd, heading for the rugged wilderness of Wollemi National Park. After dropping one car off at Bob Turners, we headed for Culoul Range. At around 7 am dad and I parted company, and I was off. Passing by hollow rock, I made my way along the narrow ridge and then down into the ravine, leading me to Wollemi creek some 2 ¼ hours later. I found the trackless walk in quite easy, as I was now quite familiar with the area having been there several times in the past.

Upon arrival at the creek, I was disappointed with what I saw. The creek was quite a bit lower than usual, and appeared quite stagnant and murky. The surface of the pool was littered with thousands of writhing golden gum beetles and cicada song filled the air. There were no rises to be seen. Pumped with adrenalin, I keenly readied my equipment. The lack of surface feeding activity confirmed my fears that fish were not present or active. Numerous probing casts around the snags and shaded areas with soft plastics failed to produce even a touch. I eagerly made my way downstream. Eagerness soon turned to annoyance and a fair bit of sweat too, as I was confronted with rapid areas that had been reduced to dry boulders enveloped in stagnant water with a lot of algae and weed thrown in.

Portaging rapids is a bit like a chess game, in that you have to think a few steps ahead so you negotiate the best and least painful (hopefully) way through. You have to plan your route and use your float tube when necessary to float your gear through difficult and non-fishable sections. It was tough going to say the least, and I was fortunate that I was wearing spiked rock fishing boots, which saved me from making any nasty and expensive tumbles on the slippery rocks. These boots were the savour of the trip. I was also wearing a full-length wet suit and although it was an overkill on

this trip due to the hot weather, it protected my legs from cuts and abrasions and stopped sand from getting into my boots. No sore feet this time.

I managed to find fish in the shaded area of the pools further downstream and proceeded to extract them from deep cover with only 6 lb mono line. The heat of the day was oppressive to say the least, and the creek felt like it was at least 25 degrees. The air was filled with the constant throng of cicadas. These buggers started calling from first light till sunset, making sleeping in past 6 am impossible. The presence of Salvinia weed in the creek is a recent disturbing observation. It may have entered the creek from farms further up in the catchment or may have been brought in by ducks? Weed growth was dense in all the pools, and the previously bare sandy banks in most cases were covered in weeds, indicating the prolonged length of the drought. The days tally amounted to a miserly 5 fish, the first Bass being a beauty at 375 mm fork length that ate a surface plastic cast deep into cover. Admittedly many areas of the creek normally fishable were high and dry or sunlit, hence the poor results. I should note that all fish sizes mentioned in this article are fork lengths, and are not inexact order of capture. The other 4 Bass caught were a 320,290,340 and 220mm. That night I camped on the sand bar at the junction of Wollemi creek and the Colo river, which was also covered with weeds.

To be continued.

BASS LOSSES IN LANE COVE RIVER

An email from John Harris alerted us to some mature Bass losses in the weir pool in Lane Cove National Park. There wasn't any clear explanation when the Dept. of Infrastructure, Planning & Natural Resources advised John mid July. John thought a pollution event, maybe caused by leaky sewers or something else worsened by low flows and lack of flushing may be the reason. A sad situation really because there's only a small population of mature Bass in the system. During a Bass Sydney Basscatch there in December 2001 a 415mm Bass was landed, whereas all the other fish caught were much smaller.

EXPERTS BACK WEED SPRAYING

Back up claims with fact or leave the job to the experts was the Hawkesbury River County Council's message to detractors of herbicide spraying this week.

Council chairwoman Sonya Phillips said the decision to use Nufarm Credit Broad-hectare Herbicide on residual Salvinia weed on the Hawkesbury river was based on proper investigation and expert advice that it was safe.

There was no withholding period and it did not pose a threat to humans, animals or crop, she said.

It has been approved with conditions by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority the experts on safe use of pesticides under permit No 7784.

The only problem arose from irresponsible unfounded claims, Ms Phillips said. Their statements are not backed up by any quoted authority and seemed to be a display of their ludicrous, uninformed allegations designed to promote fear and apprehension, she said. If anyone wants to make a serious claim about the safety of the herbicide, ask the authority to substantiate such claims.

Opposition Primary Industries spokesman Michael Richardson claimed glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup Biactive is not supposed to be used anywhere it might contaminate dams, rivers and streams, however Ms Phillips said that was a misquote from the Roundup label that refers to the disposal of empty drums and unwanted herbicide.

Mr Richardson claimed that putting salt on Salvinia, as was being done in South Australia with a similar weed was a better solution, but Ms Phillips said the plant there was in no way similar to Salvinia and the environmental contamination resulting from using salt in a freshwater system was impossible to estimate. She said spraying salt water on to plant fronds would not kill the plant anyway.

Hawkesbury Councillor Leigh Williams claimed impacts of glyphosate were not known and a chemical called Triple 7 was a better option.

Ms Phillips said it was interesting Cr Williams considers an experimental truck wash is a far better option than a registered Herbicide that has been safely used around the world for over 20 years.

The staff of the Hawkesbury River County Council are highly trained operators who only use registered herbicides at the manufacturers recommended rates using special purposes built spray equipment. The treatment was selective spot spraying of the weeds not mass dispersal of diluted herbicide over large areas of the water.

Therefore small amounts of excess herbicide would be rapidly diluted and not effect fish, water for grazing animals, human water supply or other river activities.

So far 50 kilometres of foreshore had been treated using only 7 litres of herbicide since Monday September 6th.

This article appeared in the Penrith Express on September 14th and was written by Ellen McIntosh.

WEEVILS TRIAL TO GRUB OUT RIVER WEED

Weevils have been enlisted to try to control Salvinia that is chocking the Hawkesbury river. The first of the insects were released on Friday September 3rd by the NSW Department of Primary Industries into parts of the river in a trial of their effectiveness. The weevils, sent from the North Coast, would be released gradually in the river during spring and summer the Departments Plant Biosecurity manager, Ken Archer, said.

In the warmer parts of NSW, weevils had suppressed the weed infestations to levels where they were no longer considered a problem.

It is hoped that with careful scientifically based release and monitoring we can learn more about the weevils erratic performance in cooler environments, and hopefully overcome barriers Dr Archer said.

He added weevil populations do not eradicate the weed, but instead help reduce the mass of Salvinia.

The thick fast growing South American weed had covered almost 40 kilometres of the Hawkesbury river from the Penrith weir to Wisemans Ferry earlier this year.

Dr Archer said the trial was the latest step in the plan to clear the river, with mechanical harvesters already having cleared the stretch of river below the Windsor bridge.

However even if the trial was to be successful it would take up to 5 years for the weevils to establish themselves in large enough numbers to be fully effective against the weed.

This article appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald on September the 4th

GREAT SOUTH LAND TOTHE DEEP SOUTH

Livin' & Fishin' in Alabama, USA

After a great few days in New York City, we flew to Huntsville, Alabama. I was told that Huntsville is a fairly cosmopolitan and booming town due to its proximity to a NASA Space Centre there, University of Alabama and other high-tech industries. On the flight south, I learnt that there was much I didn't know. It's true about NASA, but the Huntsville area is also the home to one of the US military's largest arsenals and many private & semi-government facilities related to military technology & other aerospace industries. In other words, not only were we moving to the Deep South, but also to a region which depends on and thrives on war. Our political views had better take a back seat - if we can keep our mouths shut! I'd better concentrate on work and finding some of the best bass fishing in the US.

During our next few weeks, our emotions have gone on a roller-coaster ride as my wife especially, experienced culture shock. Hard to believe that 2 countries that speak (kinda) the same language can be so different! The land of the car, suburban nightmare, no side-walks, strip malls along the highways, new residential developments carved out of cotton fields, hurricanes, fast food, crap coffee, huntin' & fishin', lack of a recognizable downtown with people, etc, etc. I decided then and there that its money well spent to send Janet to NYC every 2 or 3 months to get a fix of multiculturalism & city life.

On the upside of the roller coaster - real estate prices are cheap here, mortgage interest is tax deductible, income tax is lower, and for the first time in our married lives we are actually entertaining the possibility that we can buy which is something that I have to adjust myself mentally. My salary is building up in the bank at the moment and by the time we return to Oz in the next couple of months & come back to Alabama we may have enough for a deposit for a place. However, we also need to buy 2 cars. It is impossible to exist without 2 cars here.

By our 3rd week here, we crashed back to reality as we discovered that we can't do a damn thing here without a Social Security No. - drivers licence, credit, loans, etc. We barely managed to get a "checking a/c" and only due to the use of discretionary powers of the bank manager. It's not a credit card a/c, but basically a debit a/c. As houses come and go so quickly here, it was pointless to go house-hunting if we cannot get a loan. Even though we found out that my work/residence visa has been approved that week, we are weeks from getting our SS no. as we have to return to Oz to officially get our visa, return to the US, apply for the SS no. and wait for however long it takes before we get our number. Big Brother is alive & well in the USA!

I can't see myself losing weight here as food is cheap and there is a multitude of buffet-all-u-can-eat restaurants. In fact, at time of writing, I think I've put on a kilo or two! We have slowly discovered that Huntsville is indeed more cosmopolitan than similar-sized cities in much of the USA and especially the South. We have found a couple of decent Asian groceries stores - a Chinese one & an Indian. We have found good Japanese food and a Thai restaurant which is also pretty good. It seems well catered for Japanese food here and "suburban Chinese". We'll miss our Vietnamese food. Southern food, especially in the buffet restaurants can be quite interesting - grits, collard greens, yams, frAAAAied chicken, catfish (& tilapia ??!).

Best of all, people can be very friendly here (or at least very well-mannered & courteous). They may be ignorant of ANYTHING non-American, but I guess we expected it. (Its true how ignorant Americans are of anything outside of the country and you shoulda seen the Olympics coverage !!?) And the news! There is virtually nothing on anything outside of America. The only non-American news is about Iraq & we know why that is!

At the time of writing, I have spent US\$500 on a fantastic new left hand wind Shimano baitcaster, 7' IM8 graphite Fenwick rod, 14lb Fireline Fusion and a few lures. The reel is the most expensive reel I've ever owned, but as it was courtesy of The Meow Mix Co., what the hey! No problem casting an unweighted 4.5" SP "fluke" on a 4/0 worm hook.

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A week before time of writing, I finally got out for a fish in a colleague's farm dam (pond). It is full of stocked Largemouth bass. Unlike our Aussie bass, American bass are quite happy to breed in rivers, lakes & dams. From what I've found out, their seasonal-cycle is -

Spring = spawning time when the water temp is right. Bass move in from the winter depths to shallow areas to spawn. They have identifiable "nests" where the daddy bass protects the nest & hatchlings. Mumma bass doesn't hang around after her eggs are fertilized. Spawning time is a time when the adult bass can be made to bite to protecting their nests.

Summer = late spring/early summer is the post-spawn period where the fish are very active & feeding up. Summertime is also surface lure time. Late summer in the warmer areas may point to the bass doldrums when the water temps get too high. When that happens, the bass go deep and deep presentations are the go - vertical jigging, trolling deep divers, heavy spinnerbaits, dropshotting (which is the use of SP's on what we would call a paternoster rig).

Fall (autumn) = when the water cools again, the fish go on a fall feeding binge and they frequent the shallower areas again. Mid-to-late fall is the time of the "water turnover" in impoundments & the fish may be throughout the water column in deeper lakes/dams.

Winter = Further north, the fishing season is over unless you want to drill holes in frozen lakes & fish for other things. Here in the South, you can fish all year round. I presume you look for warm water spots.

I learnt a lot fishing in that pond. I caught about 10 fish & lost at least that many when they throw the hook. American bass JUMP! All the fish I landed were caught on the unweighted SP & worm hook. I hooked 3 fish on a heavy spinnerbait, including the fish of the day (est'd to be 1.5 - 2kg) only to lose them all when they jump & threw the lure. I guess the spinnerbait offers a lot of weight to be thrown when they're head shaking & tail-walking. What else did I learn? Maybe the fish were a bit on the skinny side as the pond is possibly over-stocked with fish; but Aussie bass seem to pull harder. LM bass are an aggressive fish - I saw them repeatedly charge into shallow water only 2 or 3" deep to eat small fish. I even saw a nice fish over a foot long completely beach itself on a steeper bank after such an attack. It soon flipped back into the water, but it was completely high & dry! I also learnt that they will eat a SP which was completely inert & it wasn't a scented one either. Pics of a coupla fish (skinny!)



I will report more on the area, techniques, American fishing & my quest to find kayak-friendly waters in my next installment.

To be continued . . .

BLACKTOWN FISHING TACKLE

Glen Inglis, one of the original Bass Sydney members and owner of Blacktown Fishing Tackle has very kindly donated a thread-line reel, a very nice tackle box and some lures to Bass Sydney for raffle prizes. We acknowledge Glen's generosity and in response ask that any members or friends that are looking for new tackle to call in and see Glen at shop 3/28 Alpha Rd Blacktown. You can call Glen on 9671-3545.

NEW MEMBER

Bass Sydney committee and members would like to welcome Paul McCormack. Paul lives at Glenfield and is a friend of Dave Claydon, our President.

SOUTH CREEK PLANTING DAY

Please note: We have arranged a tree planting day with Greening Western Sydney for Saturday 23rd of October. Please mark this date on your calendar and come along to help other Bass Sydney members regenerate a section of the bank. This is the weekend after our Basscatch.

BRONZE BATTLE BY EMAIL

Members please note that if you are still receiving your Battler by mail and have recently joined the internet, we would prefer to email your Battler as it saves me a lot of time and the club a lot of money for printing and postage. Please note: You will not receive any viruses as adequate precautions are in place to prevent this.

To receive an emailed Bronze Battler please make contact with Alan Izzard on acutepri@bigpond.net.au Thank you.

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Please note the committee decided not to hold the normal general meeting after our guest speaker so there will be no minutes available. .

FOR SALE

Canadian fibreglass canoe, 4.3 metres long with removable electric motor bracket and paddles, all in excellent condition. Min Kota 35T electric motor, new still in box. Two Yuasa 12 volt batteries and battery charger. \$750.00 . A great set up for a couple of keen Bass fisho's. Call the Editor on 9807-2244 (w) or 9874-7323 (h)

Regards to all and good fishing for the coming season.

Milton Lazarus.

