

Trip Report

Lindsay Haslem Trophy

The competition was due to be held on the weekend of Saturday 23rd - Sunday 24th of February at Little Pine Lagoon. As it turned out only Bruce was there on the Saturday and that was because he was “volunteered” to do the measuring of any fish caught and entered in the competition.

But Sunday was different. The turnout was a bit disappointing but six of the usual suspects, plus visiting distant member Allan Ekert, were there and fished a very pleasant Little Pine Lagoon. The catch rate was also disappointing with only three fish caught but those three fish were enough to secure first, second and third places.

This year’s winner of the Lindsay Haslem Memorial Trophy is Chris Cohen with his 460mm fish. At 100 points per fish plus a point for every millimetre of length that equals 560 points.

Gary Cullen’s fish at 365mm = 465 points, and Graham Woolley’s at 320mm = 420 points.

Chris and Graham caught their fish out in Graham’s boat and Gary took his from the road shore.



Lunchtime



Chris with the trophy fish

Gary’s fish (below) was returned alive but entered in the approved manner by being photographed on a tape measure.



Graham and the third place getter

As a bit of a postscript to the Lindsay Haslem Trophy Little Pine outing, Alec and I stopped at the Shannon River on the way home. That's because on the way up we had seen a rise each side of the bridge as we drove over it. There weren't any rises visible this time so I walked halfway to the dam wall and fished nymphs on the way back. Nothing.

But Alec had persisted prospecting with a black spinner and scored a nicely conditioned 1.8 kg fish which rose out of the blue to take his fly. So off came the nymphs and I tied on a Royal Coachman, which was taken five minutes later by a fish about half the size of Alec's.

The Shannon River is a pleasant stretch of water to fish and our 1½ hour stop was well worth it.



Alan T.
