

# Scuttlebutt

NEWSLETTER FROM SOLDIERS POINT MARINA **SUMMER 2004**

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## A FRESH LOOK

Welcome to the 'new look' summer edition of Scuttlebutt. This issue features stories covering a number of exciting changes and developments at the marina including our new Bimini Bar. With the summer season upon us, the marina and surrounding area are buzzing with activity. Learn more about your favourite pastime at one of our boating or fishing clinics. We talk to Paul Simpson, Owner and Head Chef of The Point restaurant. And don't forget to check out the 'What's On' section for local attractions in the area. Please don't hesitate to contact administration for further information.



SOLDIERS POINT MARINA

## MAKE WAY FOR NEW BERTHS!

IN ORDER TO MEET the increasing seasonal demand for berths at Soldiers Point Marina over the past few years, and after extensive consultation with local government and community authorities, we are delighted to announce an extension to the marina is now completed. The north/south C arm has been removed in order to accommodate a new arm facing west. The new marina extension looks fantastic, providing 30 new berths and increasing berthing capacity by 50%. The new berths can accommodate vessels up to 120 feet with the average berth taking boats up to 60 feet. In true Soldiers Point Marina style, these new berths come equipped with the usual luxury facilities and service including foxtel, wireless Internet and telephone access and additional 150 amp 3 phase power making us the only marina in Port Stephens able to cater for the power needs of larger craft. Naturally, there are also the usual power and water services. With the Christmas holiday season almost upon us there has been a huge amount of

interest in the new berths, leading to limited availability already. Berths are also filling fast for the annual Game Fish Australia Tournament (page 2) in the last week of February and first week of March, so plan ahead and book now so you don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the bigger and better Soldiers Point Marina.



**M**ARINA MANAGER, Darrell Barnett roping in the first boat to take up a berth in the new marina extension.

# KICK YOUR HEELS UP AT THE FABULOUS NEW BIMINI BAR

**N**O LONGER DO YOU have to cook your own steak at the Grill at Soldiers Point Marina. The barbecue has been dismantled to make way for the fantastic new Bimini Bar offering a fully serviced dining experience. There's a new bar area, a new menu and a chef to cook for you. Plus the same affordable prices and INCREDIBLE WATERSIDE dining location. The bar is open for breakfast from 8am and lunch from 12pm with cocktails and light food served in the evening. The Bimini Bar will be the place to celebrate New Years Eve, with fun, festivities, live entertainment and midnight fireworks – with the amazing waterfront view.

New Years Eve bookings are being taken now so call on **(02) 4984 7111**.



*SOME OF BIMINI BAR'S FINE FARE*

## HAPPY HOUR RETURNS

The ever popular Happy Hour has returned to the Bimini Bar with cocktails half price from 4.00pm – 5.30pm.

## OUR LATEST MEMBERS

### JOHN AND LEONIE MERLO



John and Leonie live at Adamstown Heights in Newcastle and have been keen 'boaties' for a long time, owning boats from Haines Hunters to jet skis. John particularly, has a great love of the water being a spear-fisherman for 46 years. John has competed in the Australian Spear-fishing Championships where he was diving 6 hours a day for 3 days. And yes, he has a few shark stories to tell. John and Leonie recently bought their dream boat, a 44' De Fever and after they walked around every marina in the area they chose Soldiers Point Marina. John says "I've always liked it here. It's clean, has great security and most importantly it's very quiet and peaceful". John and Leonie spend almost every weekend on their boat with their family regularly joining them as well. Leonie says one of the best nights they've had was New Years Eve at Soldiers Point where they had 25 people on board and watched the fireworks. "It was a great night," says Leonie. We're sure there's many more to come.

## BIG ACTION & BIG EXCITEMENT FOR PORT STEPHENS BIGGEST GAME FISHING EVENT

**T**HE NSW Game Fish Association Interclub Competition – **The Toyota Sportivo 2005 Interclub Tournament** is on February 26 & 27 & March 5 & 6, 2005. This is Port Stephens largest and most prestigious fishing competition with approximately 1100 anglers/250 boats participating, attracting a huge

number of spectators with the excitement and action of big blue-water game fish. With the completion of the new berth extensions at Soldiers Point Marina now's the time to book your berth for the tourna-



*HOOKING A BIG ONE*

ment. But you better hurry – dedicated early morning competitors are treated to a delicious complimentary barbecue breakfast to see them on their way for a great day's fishing. And of course the delivery of morning coffee and afternoon cocktails to all boaters on the marina is becoming a real highlight for all those staying at

the marina during the summer months.

To make a booking call us on **(02) 4982 7445** or for more information on the tournament call Pat Jones mobile **0417 770 900**.

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## SOLDIERS POINT FAMOUS **BED & BREAKFAST**

JUST A SHORT drive up the road from Soldiers Point Marina is The Mitchells Waterfront Bed & Breakfast. This unique residence owned and run by Anke and Tony is right on the beach-



front with stunning views from the deck looking out towards the heads. You can literally have breakfast watching the dolphins,

and plenty of people do, coming from all over the world. Tony says they have had guests from Singapore, England and Germany just to name a few. It's a great way to spend a weekend in

Soldiers Point and you're just a short walk from the marina. For more information call **(02) 4982 0402.**

## FILTERED WATER FOR ALL TO USE AT THE MARINA

TO ADD TO THE long list of other services available, we have now introduced filtered water to every outlet for every boat. Not only for drinking, but to provide you with the purest form of water to wash your boat down, etc. Another first in Australia for Soldiers Point Marina.

## FUEL UPGRADE PREMIUM NOW ON OFFER

WITH ALL THE Mercury Verado motors requiring premium fuel only, Soldiers Point Marina has decided to upgrade our fuel service to higher-octane premium fuel. This will be offered to our members at the same cost as ULP!

## DIGITAL TV FOR YOUR BOAT

The crystal clear reception of digital TV is here and Tony Baker from Marinelect says it's the way of the future for boat owners. The poor TV reception on boats can be overcome with the installation of a digital set top box and boat owners will be astounded at just how clear the reception is from the

digital service available. This even includes areas like Fame Cove notorious for poor reception. If you are one of the many boat owners frustrated by poor TV reception the digital solution is here. Call Tony from Marinelect for friendly reliable customer service on mobile **0439 846 101.**

HEAD CHEF,  
**PAUL SIMPSON**  
GETS TO  
THE 'POINT'



**O**WNER AND Head Chef of *The Point* restaurant, **Paul Simpson**, has made sure the marina extension isn't the only new thing happening at Soldiers Point Marina. Paul has sold his very popular restaurant, the *Rock Lobster*, in Nelson Bay and is now full time at *The Point* restaurant. Paul has focused his efforts creating a new a la carte menu, which will feature regularly changing seasonal specials to tempt you. And believe us, it's tempting. Some of the most popular dishes are the succulent seafood platter, a selection of fresh fish including Barramundi and Snapper and the tantalising roasted duck. Paul said the restaurant will be open for Christmas this year and he recommends booking in for the Christmas lunch. There's a selection of seafood or traditional fare and also childrens' treats under the tree. Not only will you be enjoying a sumptuous meal, you'll have the best water views in Port Stephens and an opportunity to really relax with your family and friends. For more detail on the menu, or to make a booking, please contact *The Point* restaurant on **(02) 4981 7111.**



## RIVIERA 33 FLYBRIDGE CONVERTIBLE

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# SOLDIERS POINT MARINA

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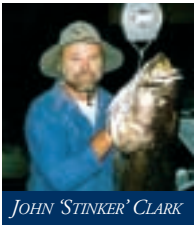
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### BOATING/FISHING CLINICS – DEC/JAN

IN THE HEART of summer we will be running our sought after boating and fishing clinics. The boating clinics are complimentary for members and will be held on the 18th and 19th of December this year with skipper Leif Albertson. The clinics include demonstrations and instruction on safety information, then you head out on a vessel with Leif primarily focused on driving techniques around the marina. Fishing clinics are held at the marina with the local expert fisherman John 'Stinker' Clark. Stinker will provide information on everything you need to know about fishing, including fishing tackle, bait, what's biting and even secret fishing spots. For more information, please call (02) 4982 7445.



LEIF ALBERTSON



JOHN 'STINKER' CLARK

### FIRE ON BOARD

TO COMPLEMENT the standard fire-fighting equipment and to help protect your investment we have invested in a new 'instant response fire cart'. Designed specifically for marinas, this fire extinguisher can be quickly moved by one person, and uses seawater as opposed to piped-in water, turning it into foam to retard the fire. Tried and tested by the Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority, we are happy to have it here at Soldiers Point Marina. We understand that it is strong enough to extinguish a fire outright, or at least keep it under control until the professional fire fighters arrive.



OUR FIRE CART

### WHAT'S ON ...

**Carols by Candlelight at Fly Point** – 12 Dec. 2004. Fly Point Park, Nelson Bay Commences at 7pm. Contact Gordon Cridge on (02) 4982 1351.

**New Years Eve Fireworks** – Soldiers Point Marina. Make reservations for NYE at the Bimini Bar. A fantastic night, right on the waterfront with food, cocktails & fireworks. For bookings contact (02) 4981 7111.

**NSW Gamefish Association Interclub Competition** – Port Stephens. Feb. 26 & 27 and Mar. 5 & 6 2005. Port Stephens largest and most prestigious fishing competition. Contact Pat Jones on (02) 4971 3936.

For more information log onto [www.portstephens.org.au](http://www.portstephens.org.au)

### HANGING FOR A HOLIDAY?

Why not try Soldiers Point Holiday Park ... Surrounded by the calm water beaches of Port Stephens is the award winning Soldiers Point Holiday Park – the ideal destination for a short escape or an extended holiday with everything you could possibly want right at your doorstep including a multi berth marina, magnificent seafood restaurant, tennis courts, 4 to 4.5 star accommodation and the best sunset you will see in Port Stephens.

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