

TALE ROPE

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Editors Report

Good to see a couple of Marlin about, let's hope this season shapes up to be a cracker. Looking forward to the blue water.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe Christmas / New Years!

We are adding a new section to the website for club member boats, if you would like your boat featured on the website, please forward a photo and description to admin@canberragamefishingclub.com.au

If you have any stories, photos, jokes, information or anything else you would like included in the Tale Rope, please send an email with all the information to admin@canberragamefishingclub.com.au and we will be sure to include it.

Be sure to check out the website: <https://www.canberragamefishing.com.au> it has been updated with all the new committee contacts, photos from the AGM and all of the 2016 – 2017 events have been added. If you want any photos or anything added to the website, please email admin@canberragamefishing.com.au

See you all on the water.

Cheers,

Alan

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Presidents Report

Hi All

Well, the fish have started to turn up. Down of Bermagui Albacore and Bluefin all the way up to Moruya.

A few of our members took a road trip up north to the Mecca of Marlin Fishing, Cairns/ Cooktown, and took on the mighty Black Marlin and from all accounts they had a great time, should be a report out soon.

The first tournament of the year has passed, and the Jarvis Bay White Sands weekend has been and gone. Club boat Kempri entered the weekend and didn't do so hot this year but at least they gave it a go, well done guys. It's good to see club boats supporting other clubs. Keep it up because they will support us.



Congratulations to Club life member Bill Dunkley for having his 80th birthday. It was a great night down at Bermagui with plenty of great food and a few drinks had. It was good to catch up with a few friends and tell a yarn or two.

A big congratulations to Luke Stuart and Larisa Apps on the birth of their baby girl, Taya. There are a few club members under the weather at the moment – a big get well soon from all of us to you all.

Good news for us all, the Geelong Super Trawler has left our waters, hopefully never to come back. This should mean another good season should be just around the corner. Fishing is starting to hot up with a Marlin lost at Bermi, a Shortbill further south and Marlin to the north, so make sure you are a member. Membership goes from June 1st to May the 31st.

If you need Tag Cards for the upcoming season, or have used yours already, they can be picked up off our new recorder, Matt Crampton, or at our general meetings every second Tuesday of the month.

Hope to see you all at our December meeting on the 13th at 7.30pm at the Hellenic Club Woden for Christmas celebrations.

Regards
Mario Imbriano
President



Secretary's Report

Hello Everyone, November has been a relatively quiet month for the Club however this has given us the opportunity to continue with preparation of the Yellowfin Tournament. The rules for the Tournament were discussed at the last meeting and have been sent to NSW for sanctioning.

Furthermore we have begun to sort out the tournament jumpers and have finalised the sponsorship booklets. General news arising at last month's included an upgrade of the Bermagui weigh station which has been completed. Mario and Bernie gave a talk about reel maintenance which was greatly informative and outlined some vital knowledge about using out of the box fishing reels.

Upcoming events include the Tollgate Island Classic on 20th - 22nd of January, the Bermagui Bluewater Classic on 27th – 29th of January, (it should be noted that it the 26th is a public holiday and on the Thursday), and the Jess Samms on the 3rd - 5th of February. The next Club meeting will be on December 12th and is also our annual Christmas drinks which would be great to see as many members as possible.

Regards James Wearn



CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB POINTSCORE

YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 2017

LOCAL WATERS

TAG AND RELEASE

DATE	ANGLER	BOAT	TAG CARD NUMBER	FISH SPECIES/LINE CLASS	POINT SCORE
9/07/2016	Finn Bradley	Mr Hooker	A517838	TUNA - ALBACORE/15	575.00
9/07/2016	John Parbery	Mr Hooker	A517840	TUNA - ALBACORE/15	575.00
9/07/2016	Ben Perrett	Mr Hooker	A517839	TUNA - ALBACORE/24	500.00
9/07/2016	Finn Bradley	Mr Hooker	A565941	TUNA - ALBACORE/24	500.00
9/07/2016	Billy Sheffield	Have A Go	A591052	TUNA - BLUEFIN/15	1,150.00
9/07/2016	Billy Sheffield	Have A Go	A590059	TUNA - BLUEFIN/24	1,000.00
9/07/2016	Jason Sheffield	Have A Go	A591055	TUNA - BLUEFIN/8	1,250.00
16/07/2016	Billy Sheffield	Have A Go	S255209	BLUE SHARK/24	2,500.00

LEADING BOAT Have A Go 5,900 points
LEADING ANGLER Bills Sheffield 4,650 points

CAPTURE

DATE	ANGLER	BOAT	FISH SPECIES	WEIGHT OF FISH	LINE CLASS	POINT SCORE
9/07/2016	Lynette Robb	Mr Hooker	TUNA	61.4	24	2,167.73
9/07/2016	Steve Angus	Mr Hooker	TUNA	54.2	24	1,689.14



DATES TO REMEMBER

13th of December – Hellenic Club Woden – Club Meeting and Christmas Celebrations

27th of January – Bermagui Bluewater Classic 2017 –

<http://www.canberragamefishing.com.au/event/bermagui-blue-water-classic/>

The dates for the Bluewater Classic have changed to Friday, Saturday and Sunday 27th, 28th and 29th January. Since the public holiday is on the Thursday it made sense to go Fri, Sat and sun for the tournament.

NOTICE: CHANGE OF POINT SCORE FOR SHARKS

SPECIES	6-10 kg	15kg	24kg	37kg	60kg
Sharks	3750	3450	3000	2550	2250
Blue sharks	3125	2875	2500	2125	1875

Please note the changes above to shark points for tag and release. These were changed at the NSWGFA AGM after the motion put up by Broken Bay GFC.



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

JANUARY 20TH, 21ST & 22ND, 2017

Batemans Bay Tollgates Islands Classic

Rules and entry forms will be available shortly from their website – www.batemansbaygfc.org

JANUARY 27TH, 28TH & 29TH, 2017

Bermagui Bluewater Classic

Rules and entry forms are available now on their website – www.bbgac.com.au

Entry fees are \$110 for adults, discounted to \$95 if fully paid by 24th January, and \$50 for juniors.

FEBRUARY 3RD, 4TH & 5TH, 2017

Ulladulla Jess Sams Tournament

Rules and entry forms will be available on their website – www.ulladullagamefishing.info

Be sure to support these fellow Southern Zone Clubs by attending their tournaments if at all possible. We cannot expect clubs to support our Yellowfin Tuna Tournament unless we reciprocate.

SOUTHERN ZONE - EVENTS CALENDAR 2016-2017

Queen's birthday long weekend	June 13
Zone weekend	June 11-12
Merimbula 21 st Broadbill & 1 st SBT Tournament 1st leg	June 15-17
Zone weekend	June 25-26
Merimbula 21 st Broadbill & 1 st SBT Tournament 2 nd leg	June 22-24
Southern Zone AGM & Trophy Presentation	July 3
Zone weekend.	July 9-10
Zone weekend	July 23-24
Zone weekend	August 13-14
Zone weekend	August 27-28
Zone weekend	September 10-11
Zone weekend	September 24-25
Zone weekend	October 8-9
Zone weekend	October 22-23
Zone weekend	November 12-13
Zone weekend	November 26-27
Jervis Bay White Sands Tournament *	November 25-27
Zone weekend	December 10-11
Zone weekend + Christmas & Boxing Day	December 24-26
New Years Day	January 1
Zone weekend	January 14-15
Batemans Bay Tollgate Island Classic *	January 20-22
Zone weekend	January 28-29
Bermagui Blue Water Classic *	January 28-30
Jess Sams Ulladulla Open *	February 3-5
Zone weekend	February 11-12
Shellharbour Tournament *	February 11-12
Zone weekend	February 25-26
NSWGFA Interclub	February 25-26 +-March 4-5
Alliance T/R Tournament, Bermagui	March 11-12
Southern Zone Interclub *	March 11-12
Zone weekend	March 11-12
Shoalhaven Open Tournament *	March 24-26
Eden Open Tournament *	March 18-20
Zone weekend (Easter)	March 25-26
Kiama Blowhole Big Fish Classic *	April 1-2
Zone weekend	April 8-9
Easter	April 14-17
Zone weekend	April 22-23
Zone weekend	May 13-14
Canberra Yellowfin Tournament *	May 20-22
Zone weekend	May 27-28
Zone weekend	June 10-11
Merimbula Open *	June 10-12
Zone weekend	June 24-25
Southern Zone AGM and presentation lunch	July 2
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 1st leg	July 7-9
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 2 nd leg	July 14-16

NB : Zone weekends are the second and forth full weekend of every month.

Fish tagged or captured at the NSW Interclub will be counted in Southern Zone monthly Cock O'the Walk competition. All gazetted NSW Public Holiday long weekends are also included

* Denotes nominated tournaments eligible for Zone points and the Columbus and George Bass Trophies.

Keep It All Organized

Simply tidying up rods, reels and other fishing gear can prevent mishaps on the water

By Capt. Woody Woods, Orange Beach, Alabama July 6, 2016

Keep the deck clear by stowing wash-down hoses, teasers and other loose objects. This is especially important during multiple hook-ups.

We are all going to lose a trophy fish at some point in our careers. Many times, though, cockpit mishaps can be avoided. It amazes me to see how cluttered most boats' cockpits are at any given point, especially while fighting a fish. After hooking up and clearing the lines, I make sure all the extra rods are placed well out of the way, either in the rocket launcher or in the rod holders on the flying bridge. They should not be placed in the port or starboard gunwales because they will prevent a leader man from walking a fish up the side of the boat.



After the hook-up, move extra rods to the rocket launcher to give the leader man a clear path up the gunwales.

Teasers should also be secured and put away, not left hanging from the outriggers where a dredge weight could possibly crash into the salon window. Raw-water washdown hoses should be coiled up and stored under the gunwales. Rod leashes should be organized and hung under the fighting chair. The deck should also be rinsed of any fish slime or blood that could cause an angler or crew member to slip. Every person in the cockpit should be wearing appropriate deck shoes. If a mate or angler trips and loses a fish, it should not be because of a lure, leader line or safety leash carelessly left on the deck.

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COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS SEPTEMBER 2016

CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
MARLIN							
SHARK							
TUNA							
BROADBILL							
OGF							

MOST MERITORIOUS

MARLIN							
SHARK							
TUNA							
BROADBILL							
OGF							

CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH

TAG & RELEASE PONTs FOR MONTH

Tailwalker	Shellharbour	10350	5
Blue Water Magic	Shellharbour	3450	4

CAPTURE POINTS 2016-17

Merimbula	36
Eden	18
Canberra	16
Shoalhaven	10
Kiama	4
Jervis Bay	2

PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2016-17

Shellharbour	28
Batemans Bay	5
Merimbula	5
Shoalhaven	3
Canberra	2
Jervis Bay	1

The recent GFAA AGM in Cairns was most disappointing. They basically hate NSW although we comprise 40% of the membership and are treated like lepers. Our valid notice of motion was deemed "out of order" with a rather dubious interpretation of the legal advice that I asked to be read out. I really have my doubts as to whether we need to be associated with this rather dodgy group led by some very incompetent men.

The best part of the trip was when I had the honour of collecting the trophy for Tyler Whitaker from Shellharbour GFC. He won the champion small fry angler, tag and release in the GFAA National Tournament. Unfortunately Tyler was unaware that he was receiving this but I have sent it on to him. Chris Dwyer from Eden GFC on "Polaris" also took out two trophies for the highest point scoring boat tag and release which are very prestigious awards. Young Patrick Dwyer also received a certificate as a young achiever. There were also a number of other awards taken by anglers and boats in the other NSW zones so we did rather well in that regard.

Please don't forget about some junior nominations for the NSWGFA Junior Team that is fishing the tournament 7-8th January hosted by Central Coast GFC. These must be with me with the relevant information no later than 31st October and come via your club secretary. I have also sent reminders to your secretaries.

The Wollongong tournament was good and it was a different experience doing the radio from the Marine Rescue Headquarters. Great position up on top of the hill with fantastic views all around from the tower. It was good to see so many Southern Zone boats supporting this event even if it is in the Central Zone as I know they support a number of our tournaments.

Very lean month for us.

Stay safe and enjoy your fishing.
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Captured/Tagged/Measured fish are to be entered on-line directly to the GFAA website data base and must be lodged by the 14th day of the next Month following their Capture/Tag/Measure

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An Invitation

is extended to you to enter the

GFAA Junior National Tournament

1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017

Eligible Fishing Days

The tournament will be conducted from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017 and ALL days of the year are eligible fishing days.

Entry Fee

*Entry into this year's tournament is again **FREE**.*

Entry forms are to be submitted on-line at
www.gfaa.asn.au

Note: This must be done before any capture or tag & release can be recognised

Each entrant will be supplied with welcome letter by their State Coordinator after their entry has been received by the GFAA Coordinator.

Categories

Small Fry - Capture/Tag & Release/Measure & Release
Anglers under the age of 11 years at the date entry is accepted. If you turn 11 years after entering the tournament you are eligible to fish in the "Small Fry" category until the end of the tournament year i.e. 30th June 2014.

Junior - Capture/Tag & Release/Measure & Release
Anglers 11 years at the date entry is accepted and under 16 years are eligible to fish in this tournament. If you are 15 at the beginning of the tournament year you may fish and be eligible for trophies until your 16th birthday.

Entry Forms & Details Available at:
Website www.gfaa.asn.au

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