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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi All

Well, it is the start of a new calendar year, time to get out and start fishing. Before doing so, make sure you re-sign your Membership as it is due as of the 1st of June. I need a current Membership form from everyone so I can update the Club records.

The AGM will be held on Saturday night, the 13th of August 2016 at 6pm at the Hellenic Club Woden, hope you can all make it and have a good time. Committee positions will be up for renewals so if you are thinking of it, try it out.

Well, we had our Yellowfin Tournament and I think it was a success. We got 73 Boats and 243 anglers, we moved to the Bermagui Country Club which was very welcoming — a big thanks to Rob and Kieran form the club for helping out were they could. Also thanks to Scott and the crew at Bermi Bait and Tackle for a great weekend. I would also like to thank all those who sponsored and supported us over the weekend and to all the Club members who chipped in that was very much appreciated.

Congratulations to Daniel Neale who was fishing on Hustler for winning 2nd Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna with his PB of 61.6 kg, also to Luke Stuart and Escape for Highest point scoring angler T&R and Harley for most Striped tuna, Billy Sheffield for most YFT T&R, The Crew on Just One More for most Sharks T&R, Jack Spilsbury for Most Meritorious YFT being 50.8 kg on 15 kg line and to Carrol Taylor on Aquaholic for her Shortbill Spearfish of 23.4 kg on 15 kg line which is going for a Australian and NSW Record claim.

It was good to hear that when boats broke down our members were there to help out when they could, and to all boats who helped out over the weekend, thank you.

If you missed out on a Tournament Jumper and want one, they are now down at Bermi Bait and Tackle. See Scott and the boys — they will help you out.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 12th of July at the Hellenic Club Woden, hope to see you all there with many a tale to tell.

Mario Imbriano Secretary Canberra GFC July 2016



EDITOR'S REPORT

The Canberra yellowfin competition was a great success as usual with some good fish being caught there is a full report in this months tail rope. Thanks to all that attended and helped out over the weekend. There is also a copy of the entry form to the very first Canberra yellow fin tournament which will bring back some memories for some members.

The bluefin have finally arrived and a few club boats have had so great action lately when the weather has allowed with the bite happening between Ulladulla and Bermagui.

As Mario mentioned above the AGM is coming up on the 13th August and is always a great night so hope to see you there.

If you have any photos or stories you would like in the tale rope or the facebook page please send them through to james.kemp@pkis.com.au









DATES TO REMEMBER

12th May CGFC General Meeting

35th ANNUAL CANBERRA YELLOWFIN TUNA TOURNAMENT

The Canberra Gamefishing Club held their 35^{th} Annual Canberra Yellowfin Tuna Tournament out of Bermagui on 14^{th} to 16^{th} May 2016.

Seventy-three boats and 245 anglers took part, representing game fishing clubs from Lake Macquarie to Victoria. The weather over the event was good, with pleasant mornings and a bit of chop in the afternoons — great for Yellowfin.



While the yellowfin did not show in great numbers, those brought to the weigh station were of a very good quality with seven yellowfin weighed between 40 and 77 kgs.

On the first day, there was one Yellowfin captured by Daniel Neale on Hustler of 61.6 kg which led the competition until the last 20 minutes of the last day, when Dave Arthur aboard Wild Tuna brought in a beauty of 77 kg, which took out the heaviest yellowfin tuna. The crew on Wild Tuna, with female angler Kim Moore on the rod, fought a tuna on the first day for eleven hours only to have it disqualified when the leader measured too long at the gantry. It was good to see their efforts finally paid off. The heaviest other game fish was a 122kg striped marlin captured by Ben Edwards on Opportunatee.

Unfortunately, there was only one yellowfin tagged, this by Canberra junior Billy Sheffield aboard Gamechaser. The lack of small yellowfin is of concern, with questions being asked as to the effect of the Super Trawler Geelong Star, which was on the fishing grounds the day before the tournament.



An unusual feature of the tournament this year was the number of short billed spearfish, with two captured, eleven tagged and many more lost. The best of these was a 23.4 kg on 15 kg Pending NSW and Australian Record to Carol Taylor on Aquaholic.

This year the Canberra Game Fishing Club took on a charity partner in the form of R U OK? Foundation. R U OK? sent one of their Celebrity Ambassadors, country music star Travis Collins, to speak at the tournament dinner. He also entertained the crown with a few songs.

The Canberra Game Fishing Club would like to thank their many sponsors who made the prizes on offer possible and also the many anglers who travelled long distances to take part.



Bermi Bash 2016 – have you ever caught a Marlin before???

As you are all no doubt aware by now, the 2016 Bermi Bash was held on Easter Saturday. Thought I might give you a brief rundown on the day and in particular my day on Mr Hooker with Bernie, Judy, Steve Angus and John Parbury (Parbs). I was going to have this done for the last newsletter but our computer died and I couldn't do much until 1) we got a new computer and 2) we installed a word package — what bright spark decided selling a computer without a word package was a good idea??

It was decided that members and friends fishing the Bermi Bash would start the day with breakfast at Scotty's Bermi Bait and Tackle at 7am. That being the case, my wife Dianne and I left our coast house at Malua Bay at 5.45am, knowing the trip to Bermi would take us about an hour and a quarter. Timing was spot on and we were greeted at Scotty's by a great rollup of members. The bacon and egg rolls were spot on too and come highly recommended from Di and I – best I have had in years, big rolls, heaps of bacon, eggs and a very reasonable price to go with it. If you want a great start to your day in Bermi – Scotty's is the place to go. Timing could have been way off and we may not have made it at all had we not missed by inches a roo that shot out in front of us just before Moruya.

Anyway, bacon and egg rolls and coffee and then down to the boats and away. Di does not have sea legs so she chose to stay on shore, not only to visit some friends but to buy the meat, salads, bread, etc for the Club barbeque planned for the area at the back of the Bermi Country Club that night. Must say she did a great job too.

The sun was shining and the seas had just enough ripple on the surface to get the fish interested – or so it appeared. Came across several patches of bait and Parbs soon had the bait jigs heading to the bottom and the rod quickly loaded up. The bottom being the operative words here as first drop produced a full string of smallish Pearl Perch!!! Not exactly what we were after and it was suggested maybe he not try that deep next drop!! Bit of a slow learner though as he managed to come up with more Pearl Perch, a couple of Barracouta (Victorian Marlin) and even a couple of quite big Nannygai. Eventually though he caught on and we had a good number of Cowanyoung in the bait tank. Interestingly, not a single slimey.

We soon had a Cowanyoung skipping off one outrigger and would you believe, a Couta skipping off the other outrigger. Anyway, first bait hit was the Couta!! Not sure what it was but best guess was either a Wahoo or Mako as we only got half the Couta back and the butcher job was pretty neat. Not to be outdone, Parbs rigged up the second Couta (I know this is supposed to be a fun fishing day – but is he serious??). Lesson to be learnt here though, if you are going to tie a Couta up as a skip bait, either do a dental job on it first or don't run your waxed thread through its mouth!! That bait was also bitten off and very quickly, but this time by the dead Couta!! Plenty of laughs all round so let's have another go. Skipped a couple of Cowanyoung for the next couple of hours and the mid-day boredom period was starting to set in but hey, Parbs to the rescue once again!! This time it's a Nannygai that gets tied up and is soon skipping merrily of an outrigger – I've used them successfully plenty of times to catch Yellowfin but alive in a burley trail, not skipping off the outrigger. Dragged it around for an hour or so until it started to disintegrate and then back to Cowanyoung.



Got a smallish Dolly on a lure and Aquaholic had managed a few better ones on cubes but things were very quiet on the Marlin front. Mid-afternoon we got a call to say a couple of Marlin had been sighted on the 12 mile so we stared to troll back in that direction. Hadn't been heading East for long when we sighted a patch of Trigger Fish and a Marlin cutting through them. A couple of laps around the Trigger Fish and a nice Stripey of 120 to 130kgs grabbed a skip bait and I was on. No chair in Mr Hooker so it was stand up and while that was fine going back 20 or 30 years or so, my back definitely isn't what it used to be. Anyway, Jude soon had the gimbal belt and harness on me and I was away (not all that comfortable these sit in stand up harnesses I thought to myself, only to find out later that Jude had put it on upside down – but I survived). It was a pretty stubborn fish and took about 45 minutes before we could get the tag in. Problem was each time we got it reasonably close to the boat it would just hang there about 30 feet down. Ran off it several times to try to get it to come up but it was a tough fish and wasn't about to throw the towel in that quickly. About mid fight, a voice from the flybridge (yes, Parbs again) asked if I had ever caught a Marlin before?? Response was "how old are you, I caught my first Marlin in 1980". Which I quickly followed up with "does it really look that bad from up there". No response so I'm still wondering!!

The fish turned out to be the only one caught for the day although Matt Crampton on YNOT 2 had the hard luck story of the day losing a nice Marlin at the boat when the double broke. We had 38 members and friends at the barbeque that night and all seemed to agree that even though the fishing was quiet, it had been a fun day.

Thanks again to Bernie, Jude and the Mr Hooker crew for a great day and plenty of laughs and as the old saying goes, to catch a fish was simply a bonus. Thanks too goes to Mario and Greg for doing the cooking at the barbeque and Di for organising the food. Don't think anyone went home hungry.

Alan Latimer

Southern Zone

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COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS MAY 2016

CAPTURES: HEAVIEST

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
MARLIN							
Striped	122.0	24	S/M	Ben Edwards	Opportunatee	Batemans Bay	5
SHARK							
Blue	112.0	24	S/M	John Rumbold	Snappy Tom	Merimbula	5
TUNA							
Yellowfin	63.0	24	S/M	Ross Cooper	Seamode	Merimbula	5
Yellowfin	61.6	24	S/M	Daniel Neale	Hustler	Canberra	4
Yellowfin	58.0	24	S/M	Greg McKay	Seamode	Merimbula	3
Yellowfin	56.2	24	S/M	Ross Powderley	X-Factor	Jervis Bay	2
Yellowfin	52.8	24	S/M	Luke Gardner	X-Factor	Jervis Bay	1
Yellowfin	50.8	15	S/M	Jack Spilsbury	Panlicker	Canberra	
Yellowfin	47.0	24	S/M	John McKay	Seamode	Merimbula	
OGF							
Broadbill	140.0	15	S/F	Tegan Lucardie	Shockwave	Bermagui	5
SBS	23.4	15	S/F	Carol Taylor	Aquaholic	Canberra	4
Mahi Mahi	17.4	15	J/M	Conner Anderson	Gamechaser	Canberra	3
Mahi Mahi	15.4	15	S/M	David Warner	Santone	Canberra	2

CAPTURES: MOST MERITORIOUS

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
MARLIN							
Striped	122.0	24	S/M	Ben Edwards	Opportunatee	Batemans Bay	5
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SHARK							
Blue	112.0	24	S/M	John Rumbold	Snappy Tom	Merimbula	5
Bide	112.0	27	5/1/1	John Rumoolu	энарру тош	Wichinioula	
TUNA							
Yellowfin	50.8	15	S/M	Jack Spilsbury	Panlicker	Canberra	5
Yellowfin	63.0	24	S/M	Ross Cooper	Seamode	Merimbula	4
Yellowfin	61.6	24	S/M	Daniel Neale	Hustler	Canberra	3
Yellowfin	58.0	24	S/M	Greg McKay	Seamode	Merimbula	2
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CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH

TAG & RELEASE PONTS FOR MONTH

Canberra	30	Blu Alibi	Ulladulla	57000	5
Merimbula	24	Mc1	Shellharbour	15800	4
Batemans Bay	10	Aquarius	Merimbula	15000	3
Bermagui	10	Escape	Canberra	11500	2
Jervis Bay	4	Off Tap	Jervis Bay	10000	.3
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		Reel Jem	Merimbula	10000	.3
		Fortunin	Shellharbour	8500	
		Kempy	Canberra	6250	
		Santone	Canberra	5000	
		Apothecary	Canberra	5000	
		Mr Hooker	Canberra	5000	
		Head Hunter	Bermagui	5000	
		Tuna Terror	Bermagui	5000	
		Polaris	Eden	4300	
		Cassie	Merimbula	4000	
		Reckless	Shellharbour	2500	
		Tuna Terror	Merimbula	2024	
		Gamechaser	Bermagui	1029	
		Captn Cranky	Shoalhaven	575	
		Nevahome	Eden	112	
		Black Pearl	Narooma	54	
		Opportunatee	Bateman Bay	25	
		Deductions	Merimbula	24	
		Deductions	Eden	12	

CAPTURE POINTS 2015-16 PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2015-16

Shellharbour	98	Ulladulla	34.3
Canberra	72	Shellharbour	20
Merimbula	59	Eden	17
Kiama	38	Shoalhaven	12
Jervis Bay	32	Bermagui	11
Bermagui	20	Canberra	10.25
Batemans Bay	17	Jervis Bay	9.05
Eden	10	Merimbula	7.3
Shoalhaven	9	Batemans Bay	6
		Kiama	5



Every day's a good day for fishing

Good to see a number of very respectable captures for the month. Included in those is the Broadbill for Tegan Lucardie, Bermagui, who has had a bumper year with various pending records, both World and Australian, plus a number of Billfish tagged for the season. I also believe that Carol Taylor, Canberra, has a pending record for her Short Billed Spearfish. As usual there are some impressive points for tag and release. It will be interesting to see how we go this year at the NSWGFA presentation dinner.

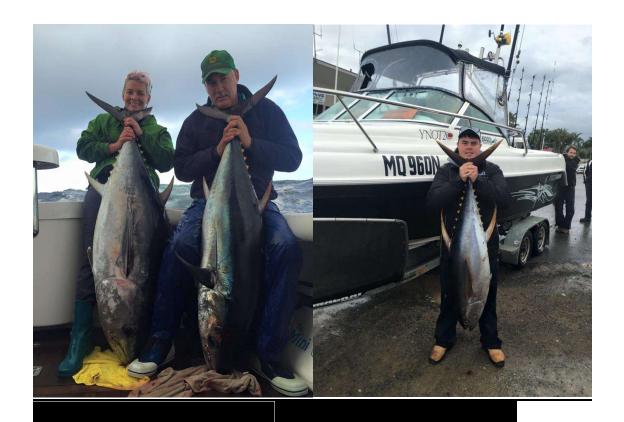
It was disappointing that Batemans Bay had to cancel their tournament but as we all know, the weather is something we just cannot control. I believe there were some good Yellowfin caught for the first weekend of Merimbula's Broadbill Tournament but have nor heard any more to date.

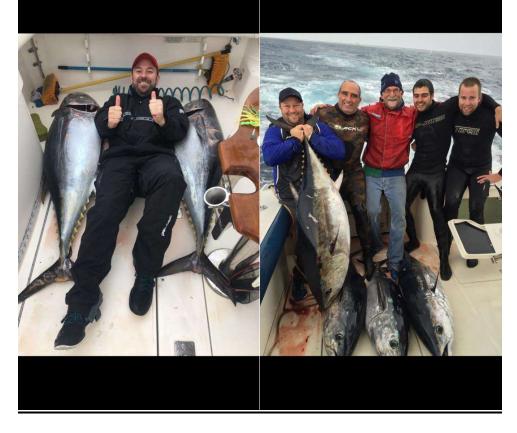
Our AGM and presentation luncheon is scheduled for Sunday 3rd July at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club in The Bubble. The meeting will commence at 10.30am and lunch at 12.00. Cost for the lunch is \$30 per person with small fry half price. There is also the \$25.00 fee for delegates. Please get your members together and make a table. If you can let me know numbers for catering purposes it would be appreciated. We had a great turnout last year so I hope we can do this same this year and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Once I have finalised calculating the trophy winners I will notify all clubs of recipients of trophies and perhaps they can come along to collect same.

I am sure you are all looking forward to another good season and in the meantime, stay safe and enjoy your fishing. Sanchia











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FIRST ANNUAL CANBERRA G.F.C. SUZUKI YELLOWFIN TUNA TOURNAMENT BERMAGUI 8-9 MAY 1982

Tournament Rules

Votuc: All bests competing must leave Mercors or Burnagui herbour each day.

Teams: Shall comprise a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 affiliated angious per boat.

Adequate markty mean as shown in M.S.B. rules must be carried. Seaworthinness of boats is the reappointable for boat owners and crows. The Camberra G.F.C. will not be responsible for any annident or injury during the tournament.

Tournament Committees

Alan Latiner Murray Wilson Lan Whitfield

The tournament committee will be the sale adjudicators of the tournament (other than products) and all decisions by the committee are final and binding.

<u>Protests</u>: Protests must be made in writing, signed by the team captain unit lodged with a number of the Camberra G.F.C. protest committee no later than one hour effect cassation of fishing times each day.

Protest Condittee:

W. Dunkley P. Anderson M. Wilson

Weather: In the event of fool weather occurring during the competition and the execution of cancellation of fishing time, teams will be notified first radio skew following the decision to cancel. Any fish being played at the mosnouncer time should be reported to base and these will be eligible for points score.

Pinhicy Rules: Shall be the current G.F.A.A. rules for captures and equipment. Line Classes: 6 KG, 10 KG, 15 KG, 24 KG, 37 KG.

Point Scoring System: Points for captures will be allocated as per the current $\overline{A_*S_*W_*G_*F_*A_*}$ point score system.

sharks must weigh at least double the line class and all other fish must be equal to un greater in weight than the line class.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

FIRST ANNUAL CAMBERRA G.F.C. SUZUKI YELLOWFIN TUMA TOURNAMENT

May 8 - 9 1982 - to be held at Bermagui

In accordance with the rules of the competition we hereby enter as a team and we enclose \$15.00 for each competing team member.

Name	Address		Tel. No.
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Notice of alterations to Requirements for NSW Records.

Many anglers are now fishing using backing attached to the main line, commonly known as using a top shot. In many instances this involves the use of multifilament line as the backing.

GFAA Rules and Equipment Regulations state the following under Equipment Regulations:

(a) Line

- 1 Monofilament, multifilament and lead core multifilament lines may be used.
- 2 Wire lines are prohibited

(b) Line backing

- 1 Backing not attached to the fishing line is permissible with no restrictions as to size or material.
- 2 If the fishing line is attached to the backing, the catch shall be classified under the heavier of the two lines. The backing may not exceed the 60kg line class and must be of a type of line approved for use in these angling rules.

The NSWGFA POLICY FOR THE USE OF MULTIFILAMENT LINE.

(e) In the event the capture submitted is also the subject of a New South Wales, Australian or World record claim a separate line sample to that submitted with the claim will be taken and submitted to the New South Wales Records Officer.

Due to the above the NSWGFA Executive has determined the following:

All Record claims where a top shot is used and attached to the backing both the top shot and backing will be tested to determine which is the heavier and that will be the line class determined for the record claim.

To this end both the top shot line and the backing will be required to be submitted with the claim.

This will involve the usual 16m of the line attached to the terminal tackle as well as 16m of the backing including 1m of the top shot still attached to the backing.

As two (2) line tests are required there will be the usual fee of \$35.00 (Inc. GST plus an extra claim fee applicable which has been determined at \$25.00.

This means a total of \$60.00 (Inc. GST) for this type of claim. The payment is to be made out to NSWGFA Inc.

This is authorized by the NSWGFA Executive and will apply as at 14th June 2016.

For and by

Grahame A Williams, OAM

NSWGFA Inc. Records Officer.

CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUBEVENTS CALENDAR 2015-2016

Batemans Bay Yellowfin Tournament Queen's birthday long weekend Zone weekend June 6-7 CGFC General Meeting Zone weekend Merimbula 21st Broadbill & 1st SBT Tourn 1st leg June 13-14 Merimbula 21st Broadbill & 1st SBT Tourn 2nd leg Merimbula 21st Broadbill & 1st SBT Tourn 2nd leg Southern Zone AGM & Trophy Presentation July 5 Southern Zone AGM & Trophy Presentation July 11-12 CGFC General Meeting July 14 Zone weekend July 25-26 Zone weekend August 8-9 CGFC — AGM and Presentation August 15 Zone weekend August 22-23 CGFC General Meeting September 8 Zone weekend September 12-13 Zone weekend September 12-13 Zone weekend CGFC General Meeting October 10-11 CGFC General Meeting November 13 Zone weekend CGFC General Meeting Detail Tackle Tournament November 7-8 CGFC General Meeting November 10 Zone weekend November 10 Zone weekend December 10-11 Zone weekend November 7-8 CGFC General Meeting Den weekend November 7-8 CGFC General Meeting November 10 Zone weekend December 12-13 Zone weekend November 10 Zone weekend December 12-13 Zone weekend December 12-13 Zone weekend December 12-13 Zone weekend December 10-11 Zone weekend December 12-13 Zone weekend December 26-27 Zon
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Merimbula Open * May 6-8
CGFC General Meeting May 10
Zone weekend May 14-15
Canberra Yellowfin Tournament * May14-16
Zone weekend May 28-29
CGFC General Meeting June 14
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournamnet 1st leg July 15-17
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 2 nd leg July 22-24

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.























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