

TALE ROPE

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Editors Report

Hello Everyone,

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@canberragamefishing.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

GOHOSTING



Presidents Report

G'day everyone,

First of all, I would like to congratulate all the trophy winners from our presentation night. I would also like to thank all that turned up on the night. We all had a good time with good food and plenty to drink.

I would also like to thank the new committee for putting your hand up to help out. And last, but not least, a big thanks to James Wearn for organising the night. Now onto the fishing ?

With the year off to a slow start, there has been a few fish caught and a few let go. Another Screema has been out and Melissa Chaffey has caught a YellowFin tuna of 50 odd kgs. Well done. Jason and Billy Sheffield have also been out and had a night with the sharks. Others have been out to find Albacore and there has been some nice snapper around as well.

The club attended the NSW AGM with results given by Alan Latima further on in the Tale Rope.

The next meeting is on the 12th of September at the Hellenic Club Woden at 7.30pm. See you all there.

Regards,
Mario Imbriano
President





Secretary's Report

Hello Members,

Recently the Club held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday August 26. For all of those who attended it was great to see you come along and to those who were unable to make the evening there is always next year.

The night saw the celebration and recognition of the achievements of our Club members and of the Club as whole in the wider Game Fishing Club Community. There was some great achievements within the Club with Matt Harman taking out the Champion Angler Tag and Release and Tag and Release Male Categories, Judy Sillis and Melissa Chaffey tying for Champion Tag and Release Female Angler. While Aquaholic won highest Point Score Tag and Release Boat and Another Screamer taking out the Champion Tag and Release Categories.

On the Capture side Matt Bunting's 200.6KG Blue Marlin and Lynette Rob's 61.4KG Bluefin cleaned up the Capture Categories with each angler taking home a multitude of trophies and awards. Hopefully we will have some photos available on the website shortly from the evening.

We are also interested in hearing what people wish to see at the meetings, whether it is more demonstrations such as those held last year, tackle swap nights or something completely different we haven't even thought of. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated and would help us to understand what people want to see at the meetings.

Preparations will soon be underway again for our Annual Tournament as we look to next year and what it means for the Club.

Regards,
James Wearn
Secretary





CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB POINTSCORE

MONTH ENDED August, 2017

TAG AND RELEASE

DATE	ANGLER	BOAT	TAG CARD NUMBER	FISH SPECIES/LINE CLASS	POINT SCORE
June	Melissa Chaffey				5175
August	Lachlan Cairns (S/F)				13
August	Brett Gray			Broadbill Sword (Other Waters) 37KG	4250

CAPTURE

DATE	ANGLER	BOAT	FISH SPECIES	WEIGHT OF FISH	LINE CLASS	POINT SCORE
June	Matt Harman	Relentless Pursuit	BF TUNA	43.6KG	15KG	2,851
August	Melissa Chaffey	Another Screemer	YF TUNA	51.4KG	24KG	



DATES TO REMEMBER

12th of September – Club Meeting Hellenic Club Canberra

16th and 17th of September – Wollongong Game Fishing Club 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.



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 2017-2018

Zone weekend	June 10-11
Merimbula Open*	June 10-11
Zone weekend	June 24-25
Southern Zone AGM and Presentation Lunch	July 2
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 1 st leg	July 7-9
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 2 nd leg	July 14-16
Zone weekend	July 22-23
Zone weekend	August 12-13
Shellharbour Mako Tournament	August 19-20
Zone weekend	August 26-27
Zone weekend	September 10-11
Zone weekend	September 23-24
Labour Day	September 30-October 2
Zone weekend	October 7-8
Zone weekend	October 21-22
Zone weekend	November 11-12
Jervis Bay White Sands Tournament *	November 24-26
Zone weekend	November 25-26
Zone weekend	December 9-10
Zone weekend + Christmas & Boxing Day	December 23-26
New Years	December 30-January 1
Zone weekend	January 13-14
Batemans Bay Tollgate Island Classic*	January 19-21
Zone weekend including Australia Day	January 26-28
Bermagui Blue Water Classic *	January 27-29
Jess Sams Ulladulla Open *	February 2-4
Zone weekend	February 10-11
Shellharbour Tournament *	February 10-11
NSWGFA Interclub	February 23-25
Zone weekend	February 24-25
Zone weekend	March 10-11
Southern Zone Interclub *	March 10-11
Alliance T/R Tournament *	March 10-11
Eden Open *	TBA
Shoalhaven Open Tournament *	March 23-25
Zone weekend	March 24-25
Easter	March 30-April 2
Kiama Blowhole Big Fish Classic *	April 7-8
Zone weekend	April 14-15
Zone weekend	April 28-29
Zone weekend	May 12-13
Canberra Yellowfin Tournament *	May 19-21
Zone weekend	May 26-27
Zone weekend	June 9-10
Merimbula Open *	June 9-11
Zone weekend	June 23-24
Southern Zone AGM & Presentation Lunch	July 1
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 1 st leg	July 6-8
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 2 nd leg	July 13-15

NB: Zone weekends are the second and forth full weekends of every month. Fish tagged or captured at the NSW Interclub will be counted in SZ monthly Cock O the Walk competition. All gazetted NSW Public Holiday long weeks are included. * denotes nominated tournaments eligible for Zone points plus the Columbus and George Bass trophies.

Southern Zone

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COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS JULY 2017

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

CAPTURE POINTS 2017-18

Merimbula	18
Canberra	10

TAG & RELEASE PONTs FOR MONTH

PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2017-18

Merimbula	10
Shellharbour	3
Canberra	2

Wow!!!! Well we did it again, taking out champion club for capture and second in tag and release for NSW. Well done to the many anglers from our Zone who took contributed to this win, Individual trophies were given to Brian Jones (Shellharbour), Todd Pike (Shoalhaven), Trevor Chippendale and Lynette Robb (Eden), Tyrone O'Connor and Kaitlyn Schofield (Bermagui). Our 11 year old dynamo, Kaitlyn received many of these prestigious awards and her efforts certainly sealed the deal for us. I was very proud to collect these awards and to be joined by representatives of all the clubs for a final photo.

Some innovations to come out of the AGM were the establishment of a hall of fame called "The Last Sched" and all clubs are asked to send ideas in for inductees. We are also creating a virtual museum for the trophies and artefacts that have been in storage for too long. Real estate is just too expensive to procure a venue so this idea allows everyone to view these precious objects.

The 2018 AGM will be held in Shellharbour 19-22 July 2018. Further details as received.

The NSWGFA Junior Team will fish the Kiama Blowhole Classic. All participants must be under 16 at the time of the tournament. Nominations must be with me no later than 31st January 2018 and must include the following information: Anglers name and date of birth.

Parental permission with phone number and email contact.
Fishing resume

I have been notified by Bermagui BGAC that they have a slight change of dates for their Blue Water Classic. It is still the long weekend in January but is 26-28 so please change your diaries accordingly.

This weekend we have Shellharbour's Mako Masters Tournament so I hope that some of you can make it to this one and I hear some familiar voices on the radio and hopefully some big sharks coming in.

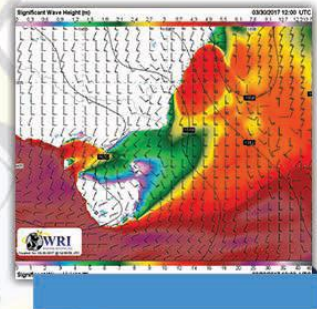
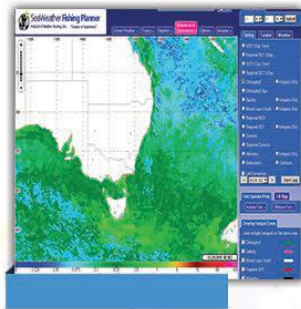
Stay safe and hopefully get some fish for August.
Sanchia



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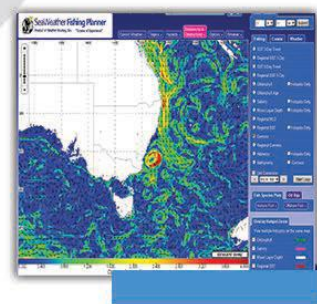
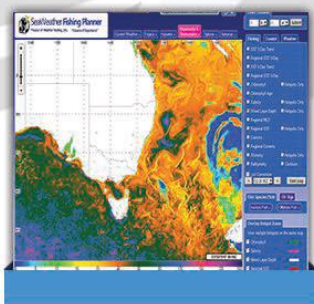
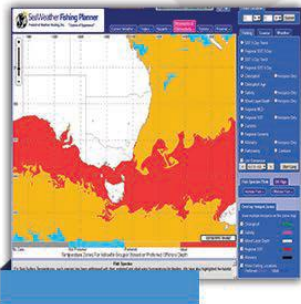
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Broome sailfish

In mid August Frank Tallarida and Ian Macara chased sailfish in Broome with friend Ray Gatt. In four days fishing on an 11 metre charter boat we caught six sailfish and a couple of 10kg Spanish Mackerel, plus a mackerel tuna.

Frank and Ray caught sailfish full-size by Broome standards, up to about 23 kg (or one fifth the weight of a good NSW south coast striped marlin). For me it was more failfish than sailfish – my two sailfish were still wearing nappies, lucky to be 10kg.

Highlight of the trip was a double hookup for Frank and Ray. Immediately at hookup the skipper yelled to them to back off reel drags and let their fish run free. I climbed up to his tower and saw why skipper Chris Nisbett was alarmed -- I could see eight sharks in the vicinity, the biggest about four metres.

The skipper was worried that if the sailfish were unable to use their extreme speed because of fishermen dragging hard on the line, the sharks would have nailed them.

Through sensible work by the men on rods and a bit of good luck, both sailfish were landed in fair health and uneaten by sharks.

Despite having to let his fish run almost totally free while Frank's fish was landed, Ray still had his fish on the line. He had let out all but a metre of his 400 metres of lines and it took a light touch not to lose the fish at that stage.

When the fish came to the boat it was exhausted after such a long fight. To avoid putting a tired, slow, sailfish back into the water as easy game for a shark, deckhand Ringo pulled Ray's fish onto a wet towel, covered its eyes with another wet towel to stop it panicking and thrashing about, then put a deck wash hose pumping salt water into its mouth, so that the water ran through the gills and kept the fish oxygenated.

The boat then sped off a safe distance and the sailfish was put back into the water and towed along until it regained sufficient strength to be safely released in an area with no sharks visible nearby.

Having now seen the sharks I understood why, when deckhand Ringo earlier lost a gaff into the water and had to dive in to retrieve it, he wasted no time getting back into the boat !

Overall an interesting trip but despite hard and competent work by skipper and deckhand, sailfish were hard to find. I expect the group heading to Malaysia will have a livelier sailfish tale.

-- Ian Macara.





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