

# *TALE ROPE*

Newsletter of the  
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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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@canberragamefishing.com.au)

See you all on the water.  
Cheers,  
Alan

# GOHOSTING



## Presidents Report

Welcome Everyone

It's a new Fishing year, don't forget Membership is due NOW so you get the full year in. Well, it was a tight race to the end for a couple of boats, which was great to see, with all fishing hard to get results – which will be out soon.

I would like to say a big Thank You to James Wearn, who filled in for me over the weekend because I was unable to make it, and to all who helped at this year's Yellowfin Tournament. From helpers to those running around on the weekend and, of course, our sponsors. Without your generous support, we could not have such a great event. Again, thank you.

Congratulations to Mr Hooker for winning the Yellow Fin Tournament with Steve Angus's magnificent Yellowfin Tuna of 69.1kg. Well done all involved. 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Reel Weapon with another nice 60.7kg Yellowfin Tuna.

Unfortunately, they were the only two Yellowfin caught in our tournament this year, which is not a great sign for these great fish. I wonder where they have all gone? There were a few sharks T&R over the weekend as well.

The Bluefin Tuna have started to turn up with the longlines starting to get them from Bermi down to Eden which is good to see, maybe we might be able to get in amounts them this year, fingers crossed.

Regards  
Mario Imbriano  
President



## Secretary's Report

Hi everyone,

May has been a rather busy month for the Club with our annual Yellowfin Tournament being held in Bermagui. First off, I would like to thank everyone who helped during and in the lead up to the tournament. Without help from Club members we certainly wouldn't be able to put the Tournament on and it just wouldn't be able to happen. This year we were lucky to have a few Yellowfin caught on the final day of the competition, it was certainly a good sight to see some fish coming into the gantry and to hear the call over the radio from *Mr Hooker* of 'Yellowfin on the deck'. It is still a little concerning that there weren't any school size yellowfin or albacore and is something that needs to be investigated for the future. As always, the Tournament is a learning curve and the Club will be taking experiences and feedback from the tournament into consideration for future years. If you would like to contribute to this debate you can let the Club know so it can be taken into consideration.

## YFT Results

Capture:

Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna: Steve Angus on Mr Hooker Yellowfin 69.1 KG

Next Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna: Matt Verde on Reel Weapon 60.7 KG

Most Meritorious Yellowfin Tuna: Steve Angus on Mr Hooker Yellowfin 69.1 KG

Tag and Release:

Most Sharks Tag and Release: Shaitun on countback

Most striped tuna tag and release by a small fry: Jack Warden on Tassie Devil

Champion Tag and Release Angler: Euan Croker on Seas the Day 3,000pts

## NSW AGM

The NSW GFA AGM will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. At the AGM Club have a chance to bring up topics for discussion, Special Resolution and Notice of Motion. Please see below for information about cutoff times for these items. If any of these are of interest, please let me know and ensure nominations are sent through to me before the cutoff dates.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION** Addition and/or Amendment to the NSWGFA Constitution must be in writing and duly signed by Club Officials and in the hands of **NSWGFA Secretary** no later than 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**NOTICE OF MOTION** Addition and/or Amendment to the NSWGFA By-Laws must be in writing and duly signed by Club Officials and in the hands of **NSWGFA Secretary** No later than 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** - to be placed on the AGM Agenda, must be in writing and duly signed by Club Officials and in the hands of **NSWGFA Secretary** No later than 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

## Membership renewal

Club Memberships are also now due for next financial year and the new membership form is attached. Also, with the AGM coming up in August we will be holding nominations for next years Executive and Committee, so have a think if your interested in undertaking any of these positions.



# Whaddaya Reckon – Brad J Fabulous or Fad?

Submitted by Ian Macara



Is the new Brad J lure colour fabulous, or just a marketing fad?

Is anyone using it? What results? Peter Pakula has said that tournament results for his lures with this colour are better than anything his lures have managed in the past. That is saying something, given that the Pakula Sprocket in lumo has been rated one of the top 10 marlin lures of all time.

Dave Venn's JB Lures catch a heap of marlin, mahi mahi and tuna in Australia and internationally, so you have to admire his honesty when he wrote recently that in his opinion bait catches more marlin than all the brands of lures combined.

Marlin seem to lose their fondness for lures the farther south they travel and NSW South Coast fishing is dominated by live bait / skip bait. That might change if this new Brad J colour is truly a marlin magnet. **Whaddaya reckon?**

Have your say by email to [secretary@canberragamefishing.com.au](mailto:secretary@canberragamefishing.com.au) and we will have it included in the next Talerope

## Meetings

The next meeting will be held Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Hellenic Club Woden. General meeting starting at 7:30 and Committee Meeting will start at 6:15.

Regards  
James Wearn  
Secretary

## Upcoming Events

Tuna Slam Sydney July 1 – August 31



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HELLENIC CLUB  
Where Canberra Meets

## CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB POINTSCORE

MONTH ENDED MARCH 2018

TAG AND RELEASE MALE

NAME	POINTS
BILLY SHEFFEILD	66000
LUKE STEWART	53000
ANTHONY KANULLI	47000
SHAUN VINCE	45500
BRETT GRAY	43000
ANDRE BUSK- ERMON	21500
JOEL RYAN	20000
MATT HARMAN	20000
PETER KEMP	20000
JOSEPH OCALLA- GHAN	20000
TIM CRAMPTON	20000
MATT PATTRICK	20000
JOHN MACCULLOGH	14950
ANDREW SWAN	11500
MATT HILDER	11500
GREG CAMPBELL	11500
JAMES KEMP	10000
TONY MOROSIN	10000
ALBINO IMBRIANO	10000
BRAD REID	10000
STAN LIAKOS	10000
ADAM LEE	10000
MARIO IMBRIANO	10000
DAVID SIMPSON	10000
JED GRUNDY	10000
BRAD WHITE	10000
BRODY PRESTON	10000
DANIEL BUCKMAS- TER	10000
DAVID HOWARTH	10000
TROY CHARLES	10000
JOEL SPILSBURY	7500
BRAD WOOD	6000

## TAG AND RELEASE FEMALE

NAME	POINTS
MELISSA CHAFFEY	165675
JUDY SILLIS	56000
CAROL TAYLOR	43000
DEBRA KEMP	20000
CARLY RES	10000

## TAG AND RELEASE JUNIOR

NAME	POINTS
HARLEY MENEGHAL	10031
LACHLAN CAIRNS	65

## 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	
January	Joel Spilsbury	Panlicker	Blue Marlin	193.2KG	60Kg	

## BOAT TAG AND RELEASE

BOAT	POINT SCORE
RELENTLESS PURSUIT	206981
ANOTHER SCREEMER	197175
MR HOOKER	136000
KEMPY	93000
ESCAPE	76000
HIDENSEEK	60000
SQUARE METERS	60000
AQUAHOLIC	31500
YNOT2	30000
KRAKATINI	10000
ON SITE	10000
APOTHECARY	10000
JJ	10000
ELEGANTLY WASTED	10000
WOODSEA	6000



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuna Slam Sydney July 1 – August 31

## NOTICE: CHANGE OF POINT SCORE FOR SHARKS

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

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.

## VALE



### **DON GOSWELL aka GONZO** **19 September 1945 - 11 May 2018**

*I've finished life's chores assigned to me, so put me on a boat headed out to sea  
Please send along my fishing pole for I've been invited to the fishin' hole.  
Where every day is a day to fish, to fill your heart with every wish.  
Don't worry, or feel sad for me, I'm fishin' with the master of the sea.  
We will miss each other for a while but you will come and bring your smile.  
That won't be long you will see till we're together you and me.  
To all of those who think of me, be happy as I go to sea.  
If others wonder why I'm missing, just tell 'em I've gone fishing.*

Above poem that was read out at Don's funeral and I think it says it all from his point of view. He is no longer suffering and that is how it should be for such a dynamic man.

Don was a stalwart of the Ulladulla GFC. He was a Life Member, serving as President for many years, Vice President and committee member. He was also Vice President of NSWGFA and President as well as an executive member of GFAA.

He had a wealth of knowledge about game fishing and was happy to share it with anyone who asked. His sense of humour was a bit off and he had absolutely no tact but was a very generous man who was happy to take others fishing on "Freedom". He was really only interested in getting that big Blue Marlin but was instrumental in helping others catch their fish whatever species it was.

Don was a very special man who will be greatly missed.

# 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 <sup>st</sup> leg	July 7-9
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> leg	July 6-8
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.



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## COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS ..... MAY 2018

### CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
<b>MARLIN</b>							
<b>SHARK</b>							
<b>TUNA</b>							
Yellowfin	69.1	24	S/M	Steve Angus	Mr Hooker	Canberra	5
Yellowfin	60.7	24	S/M	Matt Verde	Reel Weapon	Bermagui	4
<b>BROADBILL</b>							
<b>OGF</b>							

### MOST MERITORIOUS

<b>MARLIN</b>							
<b>SHARK</b>							
<b>TUNA</b>							
Yellowfin	69.1	24	S/M	Steve Angus	Mr Hooker	Canberra	5
Yellowfin	60.7	24	S/M	Matt Verde	Reel Weapon	Bermagui	4
<b>BROADBILL</b>							

<b>OGF</b>							

#### CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH

Canberra	10
Bermagui	8

#### TAG & RELEASE PONTs FOR MONTH

Reckless	Shellharbour	7500	5
Shaitun	Bermagui	3000	3.5
Seahog	Eden	3000	3.5
In Deep	Shellharbour	31	2

#### PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2017-18

Shellharbour	125
Shoalhaven	39
Jervis Bay	36
Canberra	30
Merimbula	18
Kiama	16
Ulladulla	9
Bermagui	8
Batemans Bay	7

#### PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2017-18

Shellharbour	25
Bermagui	20
Shoalhaven	18
Jervis Bay	15.2
Canberra	14
Kiama	10.5
Ulladulla	10
Merimbula	10
Eden	12
Batemans Bay	4

Many of you shared in the sorrow at Gonzo's funeral 17 May 2018 and it was wonderful to see so many of you there. It was fantastic when George Lizartris, President of Ulladulla Game Fishing Club, announced that they will be holding an annual tournament to commemorate Don's enormous contribution to both his club, NSWGFA and game fishing in general. It will be a simple format with the emphasis on Blue Marlin and heavy tackle as Don would have wanted and full details will be available at a later stage.

With 49 boats, it was not the biggest event, but the Canberra Yellowfin Tournament was certainly a good one held at the end of May. With anglers travelling from as far north as Port Macquarie and many from Victoria it shows that people are prepared to travel to this friendly tournament. The weather was perfect but the seas were just too flat and cold and the fish were certainly scarce. Thankfully, two good size Yellowfin were captured on Monday afternoon which basically saved the day or rather the tournament. Apparently the Yellowfin were there but feeding on souries.

Just back from Merimbula where it was very disappointing for them to only get 13 boats, 10 of which were from Merimbula, 2 from Eden and 1 from Canberra. Most clubs rely rather heavily on their tournaments for the financial viability of their clubs and as we all expect boats from neighbouring clubs in particular to support our events, it is only fair that we reciprocate. The fish were again scarce, but a number of boats did manage to tag 13 Albacore plus a good battle between 4 juniors for the striped tuna. There were 4 Southern Bluefin Tuna captured, 2 on Snappy Tom, 1 for Seaside and the last on Cassie. All around the 50kg mark which was good.

Recorders please get the following details to me as soon as possible so that I can finalise the trophies .....

For Southern Zone Days only:

- Highest T/R point scoring male angler
- Highest T/R point scoring female angler
- Highest T/R point scoring junior male
- Highest T/R point scoring junior female
- Highest T/R point scoring small fry male
- Highest T/R point scoring small fry female

Highest T/R point scoring boat ... Marlin  
Highest T/R point scoring boat ... Shark

Our AGM and Presentation luncheon is Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club and I hope we get another good roll up. Please send me names of those attending as soon as you can. Meeting commences at 10.30 with lunch at 12.00. Cost for lunch is \$30.00 per person. Thank you.

Good luck to you all for next season and thank you for your enthusiasm and support.

Stay safe and enjoy your fishing.  
Sanchia

## WHEN IT ALL COMES TOGETHER IN THE END

With the best of intentions to get to Bermagui early on the day before the Canberra Yellowfin Tuna Tournament, work and unforeseen events saw us arrive in town just on dark

The tournament briefing is always a time to catch up with friends who we do not see often and to watch the number of boats build slowly. Forty nine boats this year was an exceptional result, especially when you consider the lack of yellowfin over the last few years. I am sure it was boosted somewhat by the nice 59 kg fish captured by Matt Verde on Reel Weapon on the Sunday before the tournament.

Fishermen are an optimistic lot and on Saturday morning we set out hopeful if not necessarily confident. The fleet was soon spread throughout the fishing zone and the first tag was called in by Shaitun who put the pin in a thresher shark. This was to be the only fish for the day apart from a striped tuna to small fry Jack Warden on Tassie Devil.

The tournament barbeque on Saturday gave everyone a chance to regroup and to ponder what could have been.

Sunday again saw boats covering a very wide area on glassy seas. Aboard Mr Hooker we trolled, we cubed, we slept, we tried different lures, we listened to the radio in the hope for inspiration, we were bored. On the way in that evening we discussed going home that night to catch up on the mountain of work we left behind. As we were fuelling up on our return to port, news reached us that a boat that was not in the comp had weighed a yellowfin of 61 kgs. Again that fisherman's optimism kicked in and we decided that we would go to the dinner then make a decision for Monday.

Perhaps it was the good food at the dinner, the good company or the great atmosphere of the evening but the consensus of the crew was that, since we were here we might as well stay and give it one more crack.

Monday and we loaded up with some good bait on the top of the twelve mile then trolled south towards Bunga. Just wide of Bunga, Bernie saw what looked like tuna busting up near where one of the local commercial boats was working so we went a little wider and set up to cube. The 10.10 am sched and Game Chaser called a 1 1 0 just a bit wider than us – they had lost a nice yellowfin after forty five minutes. About 11.30 we saw a bit of a boil near the live bait and the reel started peeling off line. Steve Angus grabbed the rod and was hooked up to something – but what? It stayed on top for a short while then hung down a bit and we were not sure if it was a shark or a tuna. It then dived, gave a few head shakes and tail kicks and we were confident it was a tuna – the 130 lb leader would not have lasted long with a shark. The fight lasted almost two hours with the fish hanging down about 50 metres throughout much of that time. Bernie had to keep driving off the fish as it kept swimming directly under the boat. Finally, Resi and Finn had gaffs in the fish and we pulled it on board to great jubilation. Short length of 152 cm and a girth of 108 cm – estimated weight 58 kgs. As we were about an hour from port, we packed up and headed in.

Dick Brown and Matt Verde on Reel Weapon meanwhile boated a fish that they called at 50 kgs and we expected that their fish would be similar to ours. As we entered the harbour word came that Matt Verde's fish weighed 60.7 kgs so nerves again in the hope that ours would be just a bit bigger. Steve's fish pulled the scales down to 69.1 kgs and again there was much

celebration among the crew.

The crew of Mr Hooker would like to thank the hard working organisers and generous sponsors without whom the tournament would not be a success. We received product from Bermagui Bait and Tackle and Shimano, Blue Bottle Fishing, JB Lures, Meridian Lures and Halco as well as \$500 generously donated by Stellar Bathrooms.



*Steve Angus with his 69.1 kg yellowfin tuna which won the 2018 Canberra yellowfin Tuna Tournament*

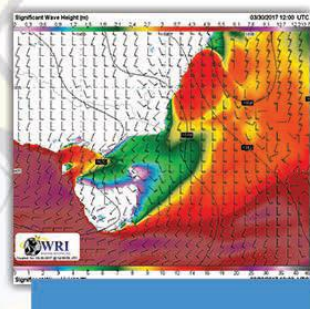
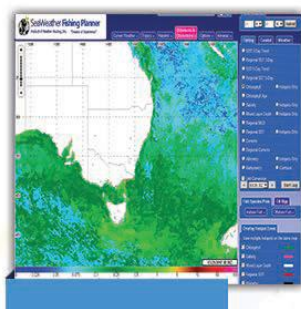




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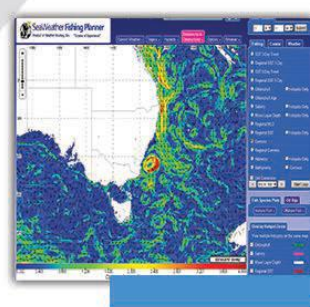
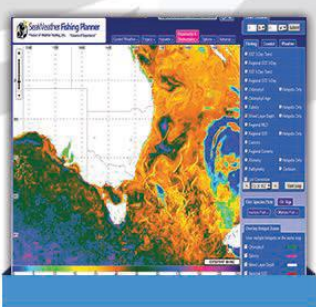
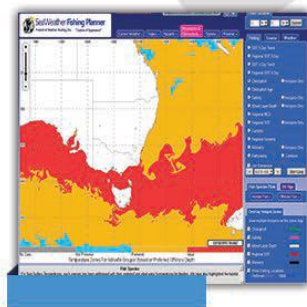
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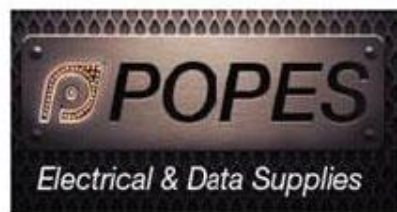
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