## TALE ROPE

Newsletter of the
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(Incorporated)



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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 <a href="mailto:admin@canberragamefishing.com.au">admin@canberragamefishing.com.au</a> and we will be sure to include it.

Be sure to check out the website: <a href="https://www.canberragamefishing.com.au">https://www.canberragamefishing.com.au</a> it has been updated with all the new committee contacts.. If you want any photos or anything added to the website, please email <a href="mailto:admin@canberragamefishing.com.au">admin@canberragamefishing.com.au</a>

See you all on the water. Cheers, Alan









#### **Presidents Report**

Hello All,

It has been a great month on the South Coast for catching Marlin. Club Boat *Relentless Pursuit* fished Eden for twelve days and had a fantastic time, going 61.55.45 T&R Marlin. Great effort Aaron and all the crew, I'm sure there will be a story or two from that trip.

Other club members have been down there too, getting anywhere from one to six Marlin in one day. The fishing down there was great, and it's still going, but the fishing also seems to be coming back up the coast. As I'm writing this report, plenty of fish have been caught around the 12mile. That's really good news for this weekend's Alliance T&R Tournament – 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> March – at Bermagui. All members who are going down to fish this weekend, don't forget it's also the Southern Zone Tournament. You can fish from any port, which means find the fish and get into them. Good luck to all those fishing.

More info on both tournaments are on the clubs FB page.

Coming up is JB marlin only tournament on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March, which should be interesting. Also this month is the Merimbula Open and Shoalhaven Open Tournaments. More information is on the club Southern Zone calendar.

Tag cards and new tags are to be collected from Matt Crampton. If you need some, just give Matt a call and he will organise some for you.

The next meeting is on the 12th of March 2019 at the Hellenic Club Woden at 7.30pm.

Regards Mario Imbriano



#### Secretary's Report

Hi Everyone,

March has been a good month for the Club with Striped Marlin showing up along the South Coast with many boats able to get out and tag fish in good numbers particularly on the calmer days. This weekend we have the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Alliance tag and Release competition and Southern Zone Interclub. Hopefully I will see everyone down there and that there will be plenty of fish around. If anyone needs any information about either event let me know.

As some of you may know Sanchia is quite unwell and we wish her all the best so Alan will be taking over the sending of the Talerope. This means if you have any photos of fish or stories you want to include in the Talerope to send them directly to Alan so that they can be included.

Regarding the Southern Zone Interclub and The Alliance Tag and Release this it is worth noting that these are two separate tournaments, but you can fish both at the same time out of Bermagui. Entry into the Interclub is \$30 for an adult which is a fair bit cheaper than usual entry fee so it is definitely worth considering if looking to maximize chances of racking up some tournament wins this year.

The Alliance tag and Release is also a Tournament in which Canberra GFC helps to organize and put on each year. So if you are fishing the comp it would be great if anyone whose free is able to lend a hand if needed. Currently Canberra is going to be cooking the BBQ on the Friday. If anyone needs an entry form for either Tournament let me know and I can email you one through.

Next Meeting March  $12^{th}$  at the Woden Hellenic Club

Regards James Wearn Secretary



#### Alliance Tag & Release - 10th Anniversary

Bermagui is without doubt the trailerboat capitol of Australian Gamefishing, and some may well argue the deletion of the word "Trailer boat".

Whatever the argument for decades now, and prior to the time of Zane Grey, Bermagui has jealously guarded it's close access to the Continental shelf and the reef areas extending to Montague Island in the North and Tathra Canyons in the South.

Bermagui Big Game Angling Club is one of the oldest gamefishing clubs in Australia, if not the oldest. There is always some debate as to whether or not the Sword Fish & Tunny Club is entitled to that title. Certainly the Bermagui Club is one of the biggest in Australia and boasts membership of over six hundred members. Through their affiliation with the Game Fishing Association of N.S.W. Bermagui Club have the right and exclusive right to conduct gamefishing tournaments sanctioned by that body, out of the Port of Bermagui. That,s good if you are a N.S.W. game fishing club and there is control over the sanction of tournaments. But with the popularity and the increasing interest in gamefishing from trailerboats, there came the interlopers. Yes, they came from Victoria and the A.C.T.

To state that there is no gamefishing in Victorian waters, will bring shouts of derision, but to safely say there is no Marlin fishing in Victorian waters is a fairly true statement. There is certainly no gamefishing in Canberra . This situation existing, Clubs from those states wishing to conduct gamefishing tournaments in the pursuit of Marlin and consistent Yellowfin had to travel to Bermagui. The principal clubs who did conduct these tournaments were The Victorian Game Fishing Club, and the Latrobe Valley Game Fishing Club from Victoria and the Canberra Gamefishing Club from A.C.T. After years of solace and virtual sole rights, Bermagui was invaded by the outsiders. Outsiders that did not come under the auspices of the N.S.W. G.F.A. although, of course those clubs were affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia.

Prior to 1990, the clubs battled along with their tournaments, each doing their own thing , owning their own equipment and really little co operation existed between the clubs. Especially as the Victorian Game Fishing Club had come to the scene and claimed the Easter period for their principal tournament. Needless to say there were running battles and skirmishes between clubs and individuals. Personality clashes and ego tripping was responsible for much dispute between the clubs. Things could have been alot better and economically more successful .

It was in 1989, that the embryo existed that was going to be a long term resolution to the problems that existed. For some time, John JONES, Ampol Distributor for the Cooma area, and owner of the Ampol base in Bermagui , had a desire to sponsor a gamefishing tournament in Bermagui. To this date his opportunity had not arisen. On the other hand, Laurie COLEMAN, then President of the Victoria Game Fishing Club had a vision of a tournament conducted out of the Port of Bermagui, that would be Tag and Release only. Two situations that existed with no relationship at the time, that could in the future be impacting on gamefishing out of the Port of Bermagui.

. At that particular time there were people in each club that did conduct tournaments out of the Port of Bermagui, who were sensible enough and somewhat visionaries to the future to encourage gamefishing and to want to put an end to minor squabbles and get on with a united front to the common interest. Adrian CROTHERS was at the time President of Bermagui Club and was ably supported by Jim UTTLEYMORE, Rob Martin and Roger



ZWYERLIEN represented Latrobe Valley, whilst Canberra were represented by Dave BUTTERS The Victorian Gamefishing Club was represented by Laurie COLEMAN and Brian FENNESSY.

There were of course preliminary informal talks between the individual parties and then a decision was taken that we should meet at the Horseshoe Bay Hotel, the home and virtual museum of Bermagui Clubs history Papers were presented by each Club on their particular points of view and their vision for club co operation in the future. As the particular clubs represented gamefishing from different states there could be no formal arrangement that would bring the clubs together under any united banner that could be sanctioned by the Game Fishing Associations. The union was to be informal.

"ALLIANCE" among other meanings, is "The union or connection of interests, A contract or treaty between persons or parties connected or allied" Really the perfect description of what was to be achieved. The meeting was long and analytical and there was plenty of food for thought. However the initial step forward was that the four clubs concerned would unite and conduct a Tournament of "Goodwill", that would promote the ethics and traditions of gamefishing as they are meant to be and encourage fellowship among anglers. The ALLIANCE TAG AND RELEASE GAMEFISH TOURNAMENT was born.

To incite interest, this tournament was to be different. Different in that firstly, there was to be no capture of fish and secondly we were to introduce Team Fishing. Team Fishing is the selection of three boats and the aggregate points at the conclusion of the tournament is counted against all other teams. The highest point scoring team wins and takes the most prestigious trophy. A real encouragement in co operation.

Each Club was required to financially commit and thus fund the first tournament. The plan was that as time went by, the small profits that were anticipated would repay each club. On the other hand one of the concepts of the plan was that cost of the tournament would be kept to a minimum with all monies being returned to the competing anglers in one form or another. Principally through benefits. All facets of the tournament were offered in option form, that is shirts, B.B.Q. and final dinner were all options and not compulsory upon the angler. Cost cutting to the competitor, and the subject of later positive comment.

This tournament was intended to stand apart from other tournaments in it's format and in it's presentation. It was not intended to be an elitist tournament, but a tournament that was to extol the virtues of the traditions and ethics of the sport and to encourage anglers to understand the camaraderie that should exist in the gamefishing circles. To take this issue a little further, there were to be no trophies in kind to the winning teams or anglers. All trophies are perpetual and are represented to the winner by a Photo plaque or a wooden fish replica, with little monetary value.

In selling a tournament to anglers that did not allow the capture of fish and secondly did not have trophies of great monetary value was seen to be a huge task, especially as the anglers were expected to pay to enter. I am sure that the commitment of the member clubs to this task and the individual efforts have made the Alliance Tournament what it is today.

The trophies that have been perpetuated have to be seen to be believed and they stand out as a display in the Ampol Garage at Bermagui, in a custom made glass cabinet, that emphasises their beauty and their importance to a fraternity that increases each year. The Team and Male angler trophies are beautifully carved wooden trophies imported from



U.S.A. that I am sure will be the envy of anglers for years to come. The Champion Lady Angler trophy is somewhat reminiscent of a Wimbledon Trophy and is eagerly sought from year to year among the ladies who fish the tournament.

Our inaugural tournament, as you may well imagine, had its share of knockers. It would never work, and if it does it will be a one year only. An attitude that only fired the enthusiasm of the tournament organisers. Well, if it was going to fail it was going to fail with a resounding thud, as the invited persons were an impressive list. Julian Pepperal, Research Scientist, and perceived Godfather of the Tag & Release programme was to address all competitors and supporting members of the public, at the briefing. Also invited were the Presidents of each respective State G.F.A. body as well as representatives of community bodies and the Coast Guard. Ampol were to be represented by John H JONES as well as the State Manager and members of the company state executive. That would be a bigger crash than the 87 Stock Market crash and we were not anticipating that. It's easy to be a knocker, support comes usually at some effort and expense.

Well the arrival of the event on the Labour Day weekend in March 1990 arrived and we had a total of Thirty Eight boats. Not bad for something that wasn't going to work. Not only did we have those boats, but the sponsors chartered well known Col O'Brien boat"Tru Dee V " and went to sea just to see what all the action was. While all of this was going on, the organisers had their hearts in their mouth to overcome the second hurdle. Tag a marlin. Well we didn't have to wait long, the first marlin was tagged in the first morning. We were off and running. It is somewhat akin to the first run of a test batsman. The second and the rest come pretty easy.

The success of the first tournament certainly was an aid to the focus of the Alliance objective and enthusiasm was directed to the activity of the next year and the second tournament.

The years now tick by with the Alliance Tag & Release Tournament firmly ensconced in the South East Coast Gamefish Calender, and gaining in stature as well as Angler attendance. One of the significant features of this tournament is that to this year we have maintained the active and generous sponsorship of our two original sponsors, John H. JONES of Ampol and John DUNPHY of Shimano. Both of these sponsors are avid in their support of tagging and releasing gamefish, and we have alot to thank them for in the maintenance of their loyalty.

As in all corporate investment and partnerships, some time is taken to see that the road ahead is heading in the right direction, and after the conduct of six Alliance Tournaments, it was time to take stock of the situation and ascertain proper direction. To achieve this goal, the management team representing the four clubs, convened a seminar on the future of the Alliance Group of Clubs and where better to hold such a function than Fraser Island in the Gippsland Lakes. Neutral territory and half way for everyone.

Each Club was represented by some four representatives and the agenda items circulated with their respective prepared papers. After two days of thinking, discussing, eating and drinking, the Alliance Group came out of the Seminar with a resolution to purchase common equipment to the combined value of approximately \$30,000. This equipment included a huge tournament marquee, with seating and tables to cater for all future tournaments. B.B.Q.s to assist in the catering and ancillary items to assist in communications and the smooth and efficient running of any tournament. We were really now a co operative.



To assist further in the interaction and management of all of this newfound equipment, we drew up an agreement to use the facilities already existing in communications and a further plan for replacement needs in due course.

Now we are celebrating success together with each of the clubs involved, the individuals within those clubs who have strived hard to make things work, and certainly with our sponsors whose loyalty has been unquestioned.

On the 6th March 1999. the Alliance group of clubs, will conduct their tenth annual Alliance Tag & Release Gamefish Tournament at Bermagui. Be part of it.

#### **Upcoming Events**

46<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoalhaven Open – 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 Port Hacking 100 – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 Details and Entry forms @ http://www.canberragamefishing.com.au/



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#### **CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB POINTSCORE**

#### **MONTH ENDED JANUARY 2019**

#### **TAG AND RELEASE MALE**

NAME	POINTS	
Luke Stewart		189,450
Shaun Vince		108,500
James Kemp		50,000
Aaron Meneghal		30,000
Johnno Macullagh		21,000
Matt Hilder		20,000
<b>Brendon Latarche</b>		20,000
Mat Patrick		20,000
Daniel Buckmaster		12,500
Henry Tarlington		10,000
Ben Archie		10,000
Brett Shearing		10,000
Justin Ridley		10,000
Mark Fawcett		3450

#### TAG AND RELEASE FEMALE

NAME	POINTS	
Melissa Chaffey		76,650
<b>Chrissy Meneghal</b>		21,000
Lynnette Robb		20,000
Judy Sillis		11,500

#### TAG AND RELEASE JUNIOR

NAME	POINTS	
Harley Meneghal		21,500



#### **CAPTURE**

DATE	ANGLER	BOAT	FISH SPECIES	WEIGHT OF FISH	LINE CLASS	POINT SCORE
	Ash Pankhurst	Mr Hooker.				4374
	Dwayne Wood	Woodsea				4282
	Tim Crampton	Ynot 2				3534
	Mark Fawcett	Kempy				1292

#### **BOAT TAG AND RELEASE**

BOAT	POINT SCORE
RELENTLESS PURSUIT	518,075
ANOTHER SCREEMER	102,650
SQUARE METERS	48,500
MR HOOKER	33,000
YNOT2	20,000
ESCAPE	12,500
KEMPY	11,500
BUTTER CHICKEN	10,000



#### **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
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 2018-2019

Zone weekend	July 21-22
Zone weekend	August 11-12
Zone weekend	August 25-26
Zone weekend	September 8-9
Zone weekend	September 22-23
Labour Day	September 29-October 1
Shellharbour Mako Masters tournament*	September 29-30
Zone weekend	October 13-14
Zone weekend	October 27-28
Zone weekend	November 10-11
Jervis Bay White Sands Tournament *	November 23-25
Zone weekend	November 23-25
Zone weekend	December 8-9
Zone weekend	December 22-23
Zone weekend	January 12-13
Batemans Bay Tollgate Island Classic*	January 18-20
Zone weekend including Australia Day	January 26-27
Bermagui Blue Water Classic *	January 26-28
Jess Sams Ulladulla Open *	February 1-3
Zone weekend	February 9-10
Shellharbour Tournament *	February 9-10
Eden Open Tournament *	February 16-18
NSWGFA Interclub	February 21-24
Zone weekend	February 23-24
Zone weekend	March 9-10
Southern Zone Interclub *	March 9-10
Alliance T/R Tournament *	March 9-10



Jervis Bay Marlin tournament*	March 16-17
Shoalhaven Open Tournament *	March 22-24
Merimbula Open*	March 22-24
Zone weekend	March 23-24
Kiama Blowhole Big Fish Classic *	April 6-7
Zone weekend	April 13-14
Easter	April 19-22
Zone weekend	April 27-28
Zone weekend	May 11-12
Canberra Yellowfin Tournament *	May 25-27
Zone weekend	May 25-26
Merimbula Broadbill & SBT Tournament *	June 7-10
Zone weekend Queens Birthday	June 8-10
Zone weekend	June 22-23
Southern Zone AGM & Presentation Lunch	June 30
Zone weekend	July 13-14

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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	124 kg	24 kg	M	Terry Harvey	Whitch Craft	Shoalhaven	5
SHARK							
Tiger	287.8	24kg	S	Shane Heather	Childsplay 2	Ulladulla	5
Tiger	257.7	15kg	S	Mark O'Donahue	Reckless	Shellharbour	4
Tiger	139.9	24kg	S	Mirko Stojs	Childsplay 2	Ulladulla	3
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#### Hi Ron and Betty,

Apologies for the delay in getting this information to you, been a busy few days. A few points below:

- \* Ocean2earth Australia (O2E) is a newly formed company providing a marine waste recovery and recycling service to the Far South Coast of NSW.
- \* From Easter 2019, O2E will be providing fish bins at all of the major boat ramps in the Bega Valley and a twice a week collection service.
- \* O2E will provide a series of 660, 240 and 120 litre bins at main ramps.
- \* O2E will also be collecting other marine waste such as sea urchin, mussel and oyster shells, as well as fish waste from processors.
- \* O2E will be composting all marine waste, value adding and developing high grade gardening composts and products as well as growing organic vegetables, completing the "ocean2earth" cycle.
- \* O2Es vision is to collect all organic marine waste which currently goes to landfill and develop a fully recycled, clean green organic product that can be reused in the gardens of south coast residents.
- \* We are committed to providing the best possible fish waste collection service to fishers, and will ensure appropriate size and quantity of bins will be available at all major boat ramps. Bins will also be cleaned twice a week to eliminate any odour issues.
- \* We also understand that during peak times (fishing competitions etc.) that we will be required to provide an increased service, and will be happy to liaise directly with fishing clubs to provide a tailored service appropriate for any events / peak times.
- \* O2E bins will be for marine waste only and it is hoped that locals and visitors respect the service we are providing by not dumping general waste in our bins. Bega Valley Shire Council will still be providing red lid bins at ramps for general waste.
- \* We hope to build a strong relationship with fishers and fishing clubs up and down the coast and hope that clubs will promote correct use of the service in order to make this project a success.

For any further information, don't hesitate to contact me on the below details. Regards,

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