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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.. 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

Good Evening all,

It has been a great month on the South Coast for catching Marlin.

Relentless Pursuit has been at it again, tagging a few, but the marlin gods thought they would test them out with an 8hr battle on a reasonable black marlin. They got a tag in, but eventually the Marlin won its freedom. Great effort to Luke Stuart who was on the rod. *Real Screamer* has been out and tagged a few rat Yellowfin off Tathra. Good to hear that the little ones are around.

The Alliance T&R was run with a good turn out of boats, but the Marlin went on holiday for the weekend.

On the 13th of April, the club will be holding its fun day out, the Bermi Bash. This is a great day to bring someone new to the world of Game fishing and show them what it's all about. We will meet at Bermi Bait & Tackle at 7am to catch up and discuss what's going on for the day. There will be dinner that night for those who are staying around where we can catch up and tell a tale or two.

Our Canberra GFC Tuna Tournament is coming up – June 22nd to 24th and we are underway in getting it organized.

At our April meeting we will hold a swap or sell fishing gear night for any gear that is no longer wanted or needed. Bring it along and someone might want it.

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 9th of April 2019 at the Hellenic Club Woden at 7.30pm.

Regards

Mario Imbriano

President

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.

Unfortunately, however they were few and far between during the Alliance Tag and Release with only two fish being caught for the weekend. It was a great weekend and awesome to see all the Clubs involved coming together to put on a friendly tournament.

We had our Annual Bermi Bash coming up on April 13th and 14th in Bermagui which has always been designed as a weekend to try to bring people into game fishing who may have never really fished before. We will be organizing a Club get together on the Saturday night to hopefully hand out some prizes from the days fishing before. Hopefully everyone can make it.

The next Club meeting will be Tuesday April 9th at the Hellenic Club in Woden starting at 7:30pm and Committee meeting at 6:45pm. After the meeting we will be holding a buy swap sell event if you want to bring any of your old fishing tackle along or money to pick some more up.

Regards
James Wearn
Secretary

Upcoming Events

46th Annual Shoalhaven Open – 23rd to 24th of March 2019

Port Hacking 100 – 4th and 5th of May 2019

Details and Entry forms @ <http://www.canberragamefishing.com.au/>



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Shoalhaven: Paul Aulsebrook 0413 021 156

Wollongong: Greg Barea 0418 219 620



HELLENIC CLUB
Where Canberra Meets

CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB POINTSCORE

MONTH ENDED MARCH 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 | 21,500 |
| Matt Hilder | 20,000 |
| Brendon Latarche | 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 |
| Matt Sillis | 10,000 |
| Mark Fawcett | 3450 |

TAG AND RELEASE FEMALE

| NAME | POINTS |
|------------------|---------|
| Melissa Chaffey | 152,575 |
| Judy Sillis | 23,000 |
| Chrissy Meneghal | 21,500 |
| Lynnette Robb | 20,000 |

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 SCREAMER | 277,075 |
| MR HOOKER | 86,000 |
| SQUARE METERS | 48,500 |
| 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.

Alliance T&R 30th Anniversary Competition

Thirty years ago, a group of visionary anglers established a tournament that is still going from strength to strength today. The tournament they created was the Alliance T&R tournament. It was established with two objectives in mind; to promote the tag and release fishing and to bring together the four main clubs conducting tournaments out of the port of Bermagui. Both objectives have been successfully achieved.

The 30th year saw 35 boats competing with over 100 anglers, a great effort considering anglers are only competing for the prestige and trophies. For me it was great to fish this tournament as part of three generations fishing on one boat (Swoopa), with my dad (Brian) and nephew (Ben). With dad being one of the founders of the tournament and Ben just getting into game fishing after landing his first marlin last year.

The week leading up to the tournament had expectations running hot with the weekend weather forecast promising calm weather and the day before the competition seeing boats tag multiple fish. However as can happen the weather forecast changed late in the week, with forecasts predicting over 20kts and the fishing shut down over the weekend.

The Friday night saw all competing teams and friends gather at the newly established Bermagui Big Game Anglers Club club rooms for the registration and free BBQ. La Trobe Valley managed the registration whilst the Canberra Club managed the BBQ.

Day one was a slow start for the fleet given the weather and when boats could get out the fleet tagged a few dolphin fish. It was Rodney Gillam's Subhunter who broke the marlin drought with Lachie O'Reilly tagging a nice black marlin on 24 kg.

Day 2 saw some better weather and a slight improvement in fishing, Ben Pearce (junior) on Swoopa found a good patch of dolphin fishing tagging five. However it was the last two hours of the day that saw the winning fish being found. Richie Abella's Dreamcather II found Matthew Jones a striped marlin on 15kg and Arthur Cunningham's boat Grand Slam found son Sam Cunningham (junior) a striped marlin. These fish decided the senior and junior champion angler tag and release. Female angler was not won. Nicholas Gillam won small fry angler with a dophin fish.

The prestigious team award was won by the boats Takari, Predator and Subhunter.

Allan Gowland was recognised for fishing all 30 tournaments and was instrumental in starting the tournament. Ian Bowden from Meridan Lures was also recognised for his sponsorship support over many years.

The Sunday night presentation dinner was for the first time held at the Bermagui Country Club

restaurant. A two course meal of entrée and main was served to nearly 130 people followed by the monster raffle of about 50 prizes.

The tournament is run by the Canberra Game Fishing Club, LaTrobe Valley Gamefishing Club, Bermagui Big Game Anglers Club and our own Victorian Game Fishing Club. I would like to personally thank all those members who travelled to Bermagui this year, it was our biggest number of teams for many years and showed great support for the tournament.

I would also like to thank Ron and Betty De La Mare for all their hard work to make this tournament happen, most of it going unnoticed.

After what I believe must be close to 20 years being involved in the tournament I am going to stand down from the organising Committee. This tournament means a lot to me, but its time to hand over the reins to allow for new enthusiasm and new ideas. I encourage other members to get involved, as VGFC will need a new representative. It can be a very rewarding role and a great way to meet other like minded people.

Look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Andy Fennessy



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 |

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| 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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COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS January 2019

CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

| SPECIES | WHT | LINE | S/J | ANGLER | BOAT | CLUB | PTS |
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| MARLIN | | | | | | | |
| | 92.5 kg | 24 kg | M | Jai Britton | Shotgun | Bateman's Bay | 4 |
| | 124 kg | 24 kg | S/Fry | Terry Harvey | Whitch Craft | Shoalhaven | 5 |
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| 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 Stojis | Childsplay 2 | Ulladulla | 3 |
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CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH**TAG & RELEASE PONTs FOR MONTH**

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| 5pts | Relentless Pursuit | Canberra | 70000pts |
| 3.5pts | Childsplay2 | Ulladulla | 57500pts |
| 3.5pts | Flying Dutchman | Eden | 57500pts |
| 2pts | Shockwave | Bermagui | 53000pts |
| .5pt | Brayne Washed | Ulladulla | 44500pts |
| .5pt | Seahog | Eden | 44500pts |

PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2018-19**PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2018-19**

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|--------------|-------|
| Shellharbour | 90pts |
| Jervis Bay | 20pts |
| Canberra | 18pts |
| Ulladulla | 15pts |
| Eden | 10pts |
| Batemans Bay | 5pts |
| Merimbula | 3pts |

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|--------------|-------|
| Shellharbour | 46pts |
| Jervis Bay | 13pts |
| Shoalhaven | 12pts |
| Bermagui | 9pts |
| Ulladulla | 8pts |
| Eden | 7pts |
| Canberra | 7pts |

Unfortunately the interclub had to be cancelled for the whole weekend due to cyclone Oma. This is the first time the interclub has not gone ahead in its history, it was a tough decision but safety of the competitors was paramount.

The Southern Zone Interclub ran last weekend with only 10 boats competing from all the boats in Southern Zone. A huge thanks to those that did compete but 10 boats is a little disappointing. I would like to discuss options at the AGM to try and make the SZ Interclub a bit more prestigious and something that people want to enter into and win. Could all clubs please discuss this at your meetings and bring your ideas forward at the AGM.

As I write this the Jervis Bay Marlin Shootout is on with 28 boats fishing, I tried to get there but 30knots of Southerly yesterday forced me to return to port. Good luck to all those competing. Shoalhaven are hosting their tournament next weekend and with the Marlin finally turning up on the inshore reefs we should see some action. I look forward to seeing those attending next weekend at the tournament.

There were no captures this month so only Tag and release points awarded with some great efforts from the Southern clubs. Maybe we should have the Interclub at Eden or Bermagui next year.

Stay safe and tight lines
Steve

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