

## Presidents Report December 2008

As we move into the piscatorially productive (thanks Rex) part of the year it is great to report that the Albacore and occasional Yellowfin and the big bait schools are still with us. Of course the weather is becoming more like Queensland's, perfect one day, blowing 30 knots the next. But we are used to that.

The November meeting of course is always overshadowed by another event that dominates the first Tuesday in November and so, not making a quorum, we were able to quickly move to the talk on reel maintenance by Peter Green. Pete had bought in a 80 Shimano that he had just received from a charter operator in the New Hebrides for a well needed service and spent the next couple of hours fielding questions from the 7 members present. A disappointing turn-up but of course this meant those present had access to all of Pete's considerable expertise whilst sitting comfortably round a table with all involved. Some seriously good maintenance tips, so good that we will try and organise a repeat.

Attended the NSWGFA November meeting with Ron Smith and of course Sanchia was there as the Southern Zone President. The Sydney GFC club house at Watson Bay is of course is the envy many clubs and a perfect setting for a meeting and the lunch provided by Doyles is something that comes with location. Business was light and so the a motion was put and carried to delete the November meeting from the NSWGFC calendar unless issues arise that need resolving. The meeting however welcomed the re-admission of Lord Howe Island GFC and the admission of Central Coast GFC to the Association. The meeting was also addressed by Danielle Ghosn who many of you will have been questioned by as part of the ongoing baitfish surveys. This data is invaluable to the Fishing fraternity and we should all be thankful for the tireless efforts Danielle and her colleagues put in. These people are on our side and are there to see recreational fishing in all it's manifestations a permanent part of life in Oz. And they do it with a smile.

Has been interesting to see some of the new marine weather sites available online and one that I have only just seen is the Marine Wind Forecast at our very own Bureau of Meteorology. The address is <http://www.bom.gov.au/jsp/marine/wind/index.jsp>. It was interesting to get into this site and watch the weather develop prior to the White Sands tournament. The Marine Warnings were for 40 knot + winds Ulladulla to Gabo but the above site showed winds blowing at 40 knots East of Gabo Island but 10 – 15 knots for most of our tournament zone. Interesting to see the way these sites are giving us greater detail all the time and have become a part of many offshore skipper's fishing arsenals.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Xmas Party at Gary and Judy's on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Cheers and tight lines

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