

# *TALE ROPE*

Newsletter of the  
**CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB**  
(Incorporated)



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# EVENTS CALENDER 2011-2012

Batemans Bay Yellowfin Tournament	June 11-12
Zone weekend	June 11-12
Zone weekend	June 25-26
Southern Zone AGM and trophy presentation	July 3
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>July 5</b>
Zone weekend.	July 9-10
Zone weekend	July 23-24
<b>CGFC Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>August 13</b>
Zone weekend	August 13-14
Zone weekend	August 27-28
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>September 6</b>
Zone weekend	September 10-11
Zone weekend	September 24-25
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>October 4</b>
Zone weekend (Labour Day)	October 8-9
Zone weekend	October 22-23
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>November 1</b>
Shoalhaven Light Tackle Tournament	November 12-13
Zone weekend	November 12-13
Zone weekend	November 26-27
Jervis Bay White Sands Tournament *	November 25-27
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>December 6</b>
Zone weekend	December 10-11
Zone weekend (Christmas & Boxing Day)	December 24-26
Zone weekend	January 7-8
Batemans Bay Tollgate Island Classic *	January 20-22
Zone weekend	January 21-22
Bermagui Blue Water Classic *	January 27-29
Jess Sams Ulladulla Open *	February 3-5

<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>February 7</b>
Zone weekend	February 11-12
Shellharbour Tournament *	February 11-12
Zone weekend	February 25-26
NSWGFA Interclub	February 25-26 March 3-4
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>March 6</b>
Zone weekend	March 10-11
<b>Southern Zone Interclub</b>	<b>March 10-11</b>
Allianace Tournament, Bermagui	March 10-11
Shoalhaven Open Tournament *	March 23-25
Zone weekend	March 24-25
Eden Invitational Tournament *	March 30 – April 1
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>April 3</b>
Zone weekend	April 14-15
Kiama Blowhole Big Fish Classic *	April 21-22
Merimbula Open *	April 21-23
Zone weekend (Anzac Day)	April 28-29
<b>CGFC General Meeting</b>	<b>May 1</b>
Zone weekend	May 12-13
Canberra Yellowfin Tournament *	May 19-21
Zone weekend	May 26-27
Merimbula Broadbill Tournament 1 <sup>st</sup> leg	June 1-3
Merimbula Broadbill Tournament 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg	June 8-10
Batemans Bay Yellowfin Tournament	June 9-10

NB : Zone weekends are the second and forth full weekend of every month.

Fish tagged or captured at the NSW Interclub will be counted in Southern Zone monthly Cock O'the Walk competition.

All gazetted NSW Public Holiday long weekends are also included

\* Denotes nominated tournaments eligible for Zone points and the Columbus and George Bass Trophies.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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First of all I would like to thank everyone who made the effort to come to the AGM. I would like to congratulate the new committee members on their positions. Sanchia has stepped down from the Secretary position and I would like to thank her for work over the years.

What a great night was had by all and well done to all the trophy winners. Judy Sillis and Bill Collector took out a number of trophies including a few NSWGFA Coastal Waters Trophies. Carol Taylor was not far behind on Aquaholic as was Doug Reid on BlackJack. Well done to Emilio Hernandez who took out the Clubman of the Year - very well deserved, and little Nicholas Mance on Mid Life Crisis who took out the encouragement award. Once again a great effort by everyone – well done.

The Club meetings will be held at 7.00 o'clock for committee and 7.30 for the general meeting at the Hellenic Club in Canberra on the first Tuesday of every month, except for January, and everyone is welcome to come and have an input in the running of the club. The agenda that will be circulated around the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month for those who cannot attend the meeting and Tale Rope will be on the website around the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Kim Hobday

President



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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As you all know, this is my first report as secretary of the club and I am sure you will have some patience with me as I get my head around the complexities of the job. Alan Latimer made a presentation to Sanchia at the AGM but I would like to take this opportunity to also thank her for the time and effort that she has put into the club over so many years. It is good to know that she is still there for any advice that I may need in doing the job.

The Annual Presentation Night was a great success with a superb dinner provided by our hosts and sponsors The Hellenic Club. Thanks also to those members who travelled long distances to help make the night enjoyable.

Congratulations to all the award winners – they are listed later in this issue. The crews from Aquaholic II, Bill Collector and Blackjack took out a number of awards – the result of plenty of time on the water during the season. Club members once again tagged the majority of their fish but there were several notable captures also – Carol Taylor's 184.2 kg Mako, Doug Read's 178.5kg Blue Marlin, Josh Smith's pending NSW and Australian Record Spearfish of 33.4kg and Peter Oberg's 32kg kingfish were all worthy of note.

Life Member, Paul Anderson, has sent us an interesting article for this newsletter about bream fishing in Zambia. Also in this issue is the entry form for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Wollongong Tournament in September.

Fishing has been quiet for our club members since early July with the weather gods not being particularly kind. There are still reports of some albacore and yellowfin as well as some sharks showing up off the south coast and hopefully some of you will be able to take advantage of this soon. A number of our members are heading to Cairns in October and November to chase the legendary giant black marlin. Good luck to you all and I hope you get to experience everything that this great fishery has to offer. We look forward to some interesting articles in the Tale Rope about your adventures.

I hope that as many member as possible are able to attend our next meeting which will be held at the Hellenic Club on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

Judy Sillis  
21<sup>st</sup> August, 2011



*Even after a heart attack in April Bill Dunkley can still show the novices how to catch a bluefin in June*

# CGFC POINT SCORE 1 JUNE 2011 – 30 MAY 2012

\* Not for baot points

# Boat points only

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## TAG & RELEASE : LOCAL WATERS

DATE	ANGLER		BOAT	LOCATION	SPECIES	TAG NO	POINTS
12.06.11	Jeff Elliott	#	Apothecary	Tuross Canyons	Albacore	A501451	575
25.06.11	Bernie Sillis		Bill Collector	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A354739	850
	Fred Holz		Bill Collector	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A354738	850
	Fred Holz		Bill Collector	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A354731	850
	Fred Holz		Bill Collector	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A354735	850
	Judy Sillis		Bill Collector	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A354737	1000
	Judy Sillis		Bill Collector	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A368189	850
	Judy Sillis		Bill Collector	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A354736	1000
	Judy Sillis		Bill Collector	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A368188	850
26.06.11	Judy Sillis		Bill Collector	Tathra Canyons	S Bluefin Tuna	A354734	850
	Judy Sillis		Bill Collector	Tathra Canyons	S Bluefin Tuna	A354732	1000
	Judy Sillis		Bill Collector	Bunga Canyons	S Bluefin Tuna	A527461	850
	Judy Sillis		Bill Collector	Bermagui	Albacore	A527465	425
	Bill Dunkley		Bill Collector	Tathra Canyons	S Bluefin Tuna	A354733	1000
	Bernie Sillis		Bill Collector	Bunga Canyons	S Bluefin Tuna	A527470	850
	Fred Holz		Bill Collector	Bunga Canyons	S Bluefin Tuna	A527462	850
	Fred Holz		Bill Collector	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A527469	850
01.07.11	Riki Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	Mako	S233918	1700
	Riki Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A532686	1150
	Riki Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A530100	1250
	Riki Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Blurfin Tuna	A504601	1250
	Riki Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A532685	1150
	Riki Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	D013023	1250

	Riki Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A482926	1150
	Riki Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A477950	1150
	Riki Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A30098	1150
	Riki Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A530096	1150
	Riki Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	D013024	1150
	Greg Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A477949	1250
	Greg Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A482927	1150
	Greg Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A530094	1000
	Greg Campbell		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	Mako	S233920	2000
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A532687	1250
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	D013025	1250
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	D013022	1250
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	Blue Shark	S233079	1700
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A532683	1150
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic li	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A477948	1150
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic li	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A482928	1150
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic li	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A504603	1150
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic li	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A530092	1150
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A530092	1150
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	D013017	1150
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A477947	1250
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A504602	1250
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A477945	1250
	Carol Taylor		Aquaholic li	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A530097	1250
	Ben Croker		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	D013021	1150
	Ben Croker		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A477946	1150
	Ben Croker		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A530095	1150
	Ben Croker		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A532682	1150
	Ben Croker		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A532684	1000
	Ben Croker		Aquaholic li	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	D013030	1250
	Ben Croker		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	D013026	1250
	Ben Croker		Aquaholic II	Bermagui	S Bluefin Tuna	A530099	1250



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## COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS ..... JULY 2011

### CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

<b>MARLIN</b>							
<b>SHARK</b>							
<b>TUNA</b>							
Yellowfin	55.0	24	S/F	Kate Law	Opportunatee	Batemans Bay	5
<b>OGF</b>							

### CAPTURES : MOST MERITORIOUS

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
<b>MARLIN</b>							
<b>SHARK</b>							
<b>TUNA</b>							
Yellowfin	55.0	24	S/F	Kate Law	Opportunatee	Batemans Bay	5
<b>OGF</b>							

### CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH

Batemans Bay 10

### TAG & RELEASE POINTS FOR MONTH

### PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2010-2011

Batemans Bay	20
Merimbula	10
Shellharbour	9
Shoalhaven	8
Jervis Bay	7
Eden	5
Canberra	5

### PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2010-2011

Merimbula	6
Bermagui	5
Batemans Bay	4

What a dismal month!

You will note that there has been a slight adjustment to the capture points from last month as a fish was missed, so Canberra gained one point and Batemans Bay lost one point. Not a huge change but I do apologise for this.

Many clubs have, by now, had their AGM's and I would appreciate notification of new Office Bearers for my files, particularly if you have had a change of recorders for Southern Zone returns.

Hopefully the fish and the weather will start to cooperate and I will get something other than Nil returns for next month. Good luck to everyone out there trying...it has to change and hopefully sooner rather than later!

Have fun with your fishing and stay safe.

Sanchia

## **BREAM FISHING IN ZAMBIA**

I trust that some of the older members still remember me – so I thought I would do a short story for the newsletter on bream fishing in Zambia in Southern Africa. Bream come in many varieties and are members of the Tilapia family. The most common species in Zambia are locally known as red bream due to their fin colour and a less common but more exciting to catch species is the Nemwe or green Bream. Both species grow up to 4 kg or more but anything above 2 kg is a really big one these days. Both species will readily take soft plastic lures and small rapalas when in the mood. The locals commonly fish for them with handlines and worms or fish strips. Most local fishing is done by nets, however, and often they use very fine and illegal mesh sizes resulting in much over-fishing and taking of very small fish. Catch and release is unheard of except for in rivers where there are tourist fishing lodges.

Bank or boat fishing in Zambia has its moments due to a lot of Nile crocodiles and many hippos – so when bank fishing I make sure it is in areas where there is plenty of current and steep rocky banks so normally no crocodiles around. Hippos often charge boats and canoes and routinely kill more people than the crocs do.

This fishing trip was in the Kafue River (big by Australian standards but not by African standards) about 1 km below the Itezhi Tezi Dam outlet – a hydro dam again quite large by Australian standards. Most Zambian rivers also have Tigerfish but for unknown reasons the Kafue is not one even though it runs into the Zambezi. This was my first trip to this location and before fishing I watched some locals fishing to see what was going on. The bream seemed to be holding behind rocks in the current in about 3 metres of water so it was a matter of getting the lures down deep quickly and letting them drift downstream and across the current watching closely for a take. Surprisingly I lost only a few lures doing this type of fishing. I was using trout gear with 4 kg line although the locals were using much heavier line and sinkers to get their very battered homemade lures down deep.

I started with a fluoro green weighted soft plastic and during the first retrieve was surprised by how savagely a bream struck – the first fish was about 2 kg and it had completely swallowed the lure. Given the strong current and the relatively light line it was 10 minutes and lots of fun before I had the fish in. During a 2 hour session I managed 4 bream, lost another 2, and lost a couple of lures. The average weight was about 2 kg.

The next morning I was up and at the river at first light – I was there in Itezhi Tezhi to work so did not have much time. For an hour nothing happened and then I think a school of big bream must have moved upstream to where I was fishing. The first bream was a magnificent Nemwe of about 3 kg that fought really well and that was followed by 3 more – all about 2 kg or so. I also hooked a large but much slower fish but lost it around a rock – there are some very big catfish (locally called barbel) that grow to in excess of 20 kg and these occasionally also take a lure. A couple of years back I caught and released a big one 15 kg or so in the Zambezi River and they are quite powerful fish.

The end result was 8 bream – 7 Nemwe and 1 red bream. These are all excellent eating so it was a fun and successful trip. I am going back there again for work in a few weeks so have fingers crossed.

Paul Anderson

Life Member – Canberra GFC



The Kafue River



3 Nemwe and one Red Bream - the biggest at 3 kg



Life Member – Paul Anderson with a 2kg Nemwe bream

# CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB INC

## 2010-2011

### PERPETURAL TROPHIES : LOCAL WATERS

#### **3D TROPHY : CHAMPION ANGLER TAG & RELEASE**

*Judy Sillis... 99,000 points*

#### **FAY DUNKLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY :TAG & RELEASE LADY ANGLER**

*Judy Sillis... 99,000 points*

#### **GLASKIN PLAQUE : TAG & RELEASE JUNIOR**

*Brad Read.. 35,315 points*

#### **STARFIRE TROPHY : 1<sup>ST</sup> MARLIN TAG & RELEASE FOR SEASON**

*Judy Sillis ... Striped Marlin 12 June 2010*

#### **KEN EDWARDS MEMORIAL TROPHY : TAG & RELEASE BOAT**

*"Bill Collector" ..142,500 points*

#### **BARELY LEGAL TROPHY : TAG & RELEASE TRAILER BOAT**

*"Blackjack"...81,700 points*

#### **CHALLENGE TROPHY : TAG & RELEASE BOAT**

*"Bill Collector" ... 88,000 points*

#### **CGFC TROPHY : CHAMPION ANGLER CAPTURE**

*Carol Taylor .. Mako .. 184.2kg*

#### **KEN WEBBER TROPHY : 1<sup>ST</sup> MARLIN CAPTURED FOR THE SEASON**

*Doug Read .. Blue Marlin .. 9 April 2011*

#### **KEN ALDRIDGE TROPHY : HEAVIEST MARLIN OF THE SEASON**

*Doug Read .. Blue Marlin .. 178.5kg*

#### **ADRIAN & MARGARET CROTHERS TROPHY : HEAVIEST CAPTURE BY A LADY ANGLER**

*Carol Taylor .. Mako .. 184.2kg*

#### **ULTIMATE TROPY : HEAVIEST CAPTURE BY A JUNIOR ANGLER**

*Not won*

#### **YAN CUP : HEAVIEST YELLOWFIN OF SEASON**

*Kim Hobday .. Yellowfin Tuna .. 49.7kg*

**BILL ABBOTT SHIELD : HEAVIEST TUNA ON 6KG**

*Not won*

**PAUL ANDERSON SHIELD : HEAVIEST SHARK**

*Carol Taylor .. Mako .. 184.2kg*

**SOLO 2 SHIELD : HEAVIEST OTHER GAME FISH**

*Josh Smith .. Spearfish .. 33.4kg*

**BARELY LEGAL TROPHY : HEAVIEST CAPTURE ON TRAILER BOAT**

*Carol Taylor .. Mako .. 184.2kg*

**NORMAN TROPHY : MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE**

*Carol Taylor .. Mako.. 8482.41 points*

**SOUTHERN ZONE CATEGORIES**

**HIGHEST POINT SCORING BOAT CAPTURES COCK O'THE WALK**

*"Aquaholic" .. 8482.41 points*

**HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER CAPTURE COCK O'THE WALK**

*Carol Taylor ..8482.41 points*

**HIGHST POINT SCORING BOAT TAG & RELEASE COCK O'THE WALK**

*"Bill Collector" ... 123,500 points*

**HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER TAG & RELEASE COCK O'THE WALK ..**

*Judy Sillis ..80,500 points*

**OTHER WATERS CATEGORIES**

**HEAVIEST CAPTURE**

*Not won*

**TAG & RELEASE ANGLER : MALE**

*Not won*

**TAG & RELEASE ANGLER : FEMALE**

*Not won*

**ANNUAL TROPHIES**

## **HEAVIEST CAPTURE : JUNE LONG WEEKEND**

*Not won*

## **TAG & RELEASE BOAT : JUNE LONG WEKEND**

*"Bill Collector" ... 8500 points*

## **TAG & RELEASE ANGLER : JUNE LONG WEEKEND**

*Judy Sillis .. 8500 points*

## **HEAVIEST CAPTURE : JANUARY LONG WEEKEND**

*Carol Taylor ... Mako ...184.2kg*

## **TAG & RELEASE BOAT : JANUARY LONG WEEKEND**

*"Bill Collector" 60,500 points*

## **TAG & RELEASE ANGLER : JANUARY LONG WEEKEND**

*Judy Sillis .. 42,500 points*

## **HEAVIEST CAPTURE : EASTER LONG WEEKEND**

*Judy Sillis ... Blue Marlin .. 170.4kg*

## **TAG & RELEASE BOAT : EASTER LONG WEEKEND**

*"Blackjack" ... 8500 points*

## **TAG & RELEAE ANGLER : EASTER LONG WEEKEND**

*Brad Read ... 8500 points*

## **OTHER AWARDS**

### **CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR ( not committee)**

*Emilio Hernandez*

### **ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD**

*Nicholas Mance "Mid Life Crisis"*

### **SOUTHERN ZONE TROPHIES**

- *Highest point scoring adult male Southern Zone Interclub ..Rodney Sieler*
- *Highest point scoring lady angler tag & release .. Judy Sillis*
- *Heaviest other game fish.. Josh Smith*
- *Most meritorious other game fish .. Josh Smith*

### **NSWGFA COASTAL WATERS TROPHIES**

- *Highest point scoring lady angler tag & release .. Judy Sillis*
- *First Marlin tagged & released for season .. Judy Sillis*
- *Most meritorious achievement in either capture or tag & release .. Judy Sillis*
- *Zone scoring highest total junior/small fry in captures .. Southern Zone*
- *Zone scoring highest total junior/small fry tag & release .. Southern Zone*
- *Zone scoring highest total captures.. Southern Zone*
- *Zone scoring highest total tag & release .. Southern Zone.*



*Brad Read receives the Glaskin Plaque for Champion Junior Tag & Release*



*Doug Read with the Ken Webber Trophy for the first marlin captured for the season*



*Kim Hobday presents the Barely Legal Trophy for Tag & Release Trailer Boat to the crew from Blackjack – Brad, Doug and Leanne Read*



*Judy Sillis receives the Starfire Trophy for the first marlin tagged for the season. The fish also took out the Grahame Williams Trophy for the first marlin tagged in NSW Coastal Waters*



*Carol Taylor receives the Adrian & Margaret Crothers Trophy for Heaviest Capture by a Lady- that great Mako of 184.2 kg which gives her entry into the 10:1 Club*



*The Ken Aldridge Trophy went to Doug Read for the heaviest marlin of the season – a blue of 178.5kg*

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