

TALE ROPE

Newsletter of the
CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB
(Incorporated)



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AN INTRODUCTION TO CANBERRA GAME FISHING CLUB (INCORPORATED)

BACKGROUND

Canberra Game Fishing Club (CGFC) was formed in 1964 by a group of Canberra residents who owned a steel cruiser "Blue Marlin", the hull of which is still to be found on the banks of the Bermagui River about 800m upstream from the bridge. The club had a period of steady growth from formation through the early seventies when membership started to decline. By the mid seventies membership had dropped to about 20 members and most of those inactive. The decline in membership was due, at least in part, to the club losing focus on game fishing and also conducting a tournament that caused considerable financial loss and division in the club.

In 1977 a meeting was held to consider winding up the club. At the meeting were 10 existing members and 3 potential new members. On this basis it was decided to continue and the club has grown from strength to strength since that time. Membership has stabilised around 120-150 for the past few years. We run an annual Yellowfin Tournament every May out of Bermagui which is one of the most popular in NSW. It is a very successful venture accounting for the financial viability of the club

AFFILIATIONS

CGFC is a member of New South Wales Game Fishing Association (NSWGFA) and is affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) and the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA). The club fishes to the rules of GFAA and NSWGFA and a copy of "The Official Australian Gamefishing Journal" is sent to all members. This contains angling rules, regulations, records and a lot of other useful information. CGFC along with 10 other clubs form NSWGFA Southern Zone.

INCORPORATION

The Club is incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory.

AIMS OF THE CLUB

The primary aim of the Club is, to quote the first object from the Constitution, "To participate in and promote the sport of saltwater game fishing". A further object is "To provide for social intercourse for members". Whenever possible the Club endeavours to combine these two objects as well as meeting the other objects as outlined in the Constitution.

The Club also strives to ensure that its members maintain the highest ethical standards in fishing to the rules both in spirit and in letter and also that actions of members do not bring discredit to the Club.

TAG AND RELEASE

CGFC actively promotes tag and release. A progressive increase of awareness and concern for the future of game fishing has resulted in over 97% of fish being tagged by our members in recent seasons.

ORGANISED ACTIVITIES

- Monthly meetings are held at the Hellenic Club of Canberra, Matilda Street, Woden at 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of January and August
- Annual Christmas party.
- The Bracken Bash. As the name implies a very social weekend held at "Bracken", Batemans Bay. Members camp at the property and have a great time fishing from boats, rocks or the beach. This event is dependant on numbers interested and we invite Batemans Bay members to attend also with some friendly rivalry.
- Annual General Meeting and Presentation Dinner held in August at Hellenic Club.
- Annual Yellowfin Tuna Tournament held at Bermagui each May.

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- Lucky draw for a days fishing on “Bill Collector” for 4 members.
 - Other activities are held from time to time and members are informed via Tale Rope, the Club newsletter which is available on the club website each month.

WEBSITE

As well as the Club newsletter being onsite each month there are also various photo galleries and other relevant information. Look at canberragamefishing.com.

TROPHIES

Various trophies are provided by the Club for all organised fishing activities. In addition there is a wide range of Club trophies, some perpetual, available for Club competition that runs on an annual basis. Typical categories are “First Marlin of the Season” for both capture and tag, “Tag and Release Angler” (both senior and junior).

There are annual NSWGFA Coastal Waters Trophies and GFAA trophies for the best results in NSW and Australia in various categories.

RECORDS

The Club maintains its own record chart and also checks and forwards claims to NSW, Australian and World Records as may be appropriate.

SOUTHERN ZONE

The Club competes in a competition with the other clubs within the Zone. The clubs in the Zone are Shellharbour, Kiama, Jervis Bay, Shoalhaven, Ulladulla, Batemans Bay, Narooma, Canberra, Bermagui, Eden, Merimbula and Tathra. The competition is fished monthly on the second and fourth weekend throughout the year plus any gazetted NSW public holiday weekends and nominated tournaments as listed in the Events Calender. Our secretary, Sanchia Glaskin is also current Southen Zone Chairman.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

Members regularly fish in tournaments held by other clubs and also fish individually or in groups in other parts of Australia and overseas.

CLUB ASSETS AND FINACIAL POIICY

The Club has a number of assets including audio visual equipment, computer, digital and manual scales and other equipment. The Club is financially sound and has long operated on the principle of keeping membership fees to a minimum with maximum returns for members. Of course those members that attend activities get the maximum benefit from their membership.

CONTACT POINTS

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Interested parties are welcome to attend our general meetings at the Hellenic Club.

EVENTS CALENDER 2010-2011

CGFC General Meeting	June 1
Batemans Bay Yellowfin Tournament	June 12-13
Zone weekend	June 12-13
Merimbula Broadbill	June 18-20
Zone weekend	June 26-27
Southern Zone AGM and Presentation	July 4
CGFC General Meeting	July 6
Zone weekend	July 10-11
Zone weekend	July 24-25
Zone weekend	August 7-8
CGFC AGM and Presentation Dinner	August 14
Zone weekend	August 21-22
CGFC General Meeting	September 7
Zone weekend	September 11-12
Wollongong Open Tournament	September 18-19
Zone weekend	September 25-26
CGFC General Meeting	October 5
Zone weekend (Labour Day)	October 9-10
Zone weekend	October 23-24
CGFC General Meeting	November 2
Bracken Bash	November 6-7
Shoalhaven Light Tackle Tournament	November 13-14
Zone weekend	November 13-14
Zone weekend	November 27-28
Jervis Bay White Sands Tournament *	November 27-18
CGFC General Meeting	December 7
Zone weekend	December 11-12
Zone weekend (Christmas & Boxing Day)	December 25-27
CGFC General Meeting	January 4
Zone weekend	January 8-9
Batemans Bay Tollgate Island Classic *	January 14-16
Zone weekend	January 22-23
Bermagui Blue Water Classic *	January 22-25
CGFC General Meeting	February 1
Jess Sams Ulladulla Open *	February 4-6
Zone weekend	February 12-13
Shellharbour Tournament *	TBA
Zone weekend	February 26-27
NSWGFA Interclub, Pt Stephens	February 26-27 March 5-6
CGFC General Meeting	March 1
Zone weekend	March 12-13
Southern Zone Interclub *	TBA
Shoalhaven Open Tournament *	March 25-27
Zone weekend	March 26-27
CGC General Meeting	April 5
Eden Invitational Tournament *	April 8-10
Zone weekend	April 9-10
Kiama Blowhole Big Fish Classic *	April 9-10
Merimbula Open *	April 23-25
Zone weekend (Anzac Day)	April 23-24
CGFC General Meeting	May 3
Zone weekend	May 7-8
Canberra Yellowfin Tournament *	May 14-16
Zone weekend	May 21-22

Zone weekend are the 2nd and 4th weekend of every month plus any gazette NSW Public Holidays.

* denotes nominated tournaments eligible for Zone points and the Columbus and George Bass trophies.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year has passed and again it's time to look at what has transpired. Our club has again had a successful year due mostly to our much envied Yellowfin Tournament. While costs have risen in the general running of the club, steps are again being taken to minimise these costs. While we did purchase a few key items that don't come cheap, these items will still be around for years to come. One of the biggest costs we can attenuate is the printing of the Tale Rope newsletter.

As the majority of our club members have indicated that they would prefer an "electronic" version, this will go a long way to saving a considerable amount. The newsletter will be available from the club website being revamped by Kim Hobday. Check out www.canberragamefishing.com.

Those who have done well in the club point score really earned their points in what can only be described as a "hit and miss" year. Here one day, and gone the next was all too common a story, and it seems to be continuing throughout the winter months. Though some big bluefin have been caught by the lucky few, our club members seem to be chasing in vain.

It always amazes me how quickly an election can bring about resolution to matters that have been dragging out for some time. We finally have some sense with regard to the Mako shark issue. Essentially we are still able to do what we have always been doing, and capture, and tag these abundant sharks. We have been asked to minimise captures whenever possible! Wasn't that what most have always been doing?

The other rule change that takes effect is the use of Circle hooks. **CIRCLE HOOKS ONLY** are permitted to be used for livebaiting and trolling natural baits. NB no points to be scored for any species caught while using livebaits and/or trolling natural baits with "J" hooks – rule come into effect 29th July 2010. While some will rue this decision, this paints a much better picture when defending ourselves against the ever present lobby.

Thanks to all of you who helped throughout the last year, and I hope we get lots of the same for next year! We have a big tournament coming for next May and will need all the help we can get. Don't forget to acknowledge all our fantastic sponsors, and use their products whenever possible.

Remember when you have some criticism for members of the committee that we are all volunteers! It is no point whinging that something is not being done if you are not willing to put your money where your mouth is so to speak. This is your club and you will get lots from it, if you are willing to put something into it apart from your membership fees!

Good luck to the next President and Committee.

Regards
John Mihalyka
1 August 2010

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As always there are not enough hours in the day to get every thing done and Geoff is always complaining that fishing takes precedence over everything else. That is not true, but it does take up an awful lot of my time and this year has been particularly hard with family issues that had to take priority.

I hope you have noticed by now that we have a new format for the Club Website. Kim has been working with a great guy down the coast and they have done a fantastic job. Your Tale Rope will now be available on line by the 30th of every month and you will have all the relevant information i.e. point scores etc at your fingertips. I will still be formatting the newsletter and sending copy to Kim to upload, so any stories and photos can be sent to the post office box or emailed to me by 25th of the month for inclusion.

This will cut costs considerably as since we went to colour the cost has escalated. All up, I think it is a great idea as it not only saves paper it also means a good deal less work for me as I won't have to spend hours sourcing material, collating and preparing for postage. Anyone who really wants a hard copy can let me know and we will arrange that for you, but I doubt that there will be many as most people have access to the net these days. This is another thing we have been talking about for ages and it has finally happened.

Our Yellowfin Tournament was again a great success and we are really excited about next years event which we are working on. Sponsors have been fantastic and we are certainly in their debt. Please make sure you utilise their goods and services whenever possible and identify yourselves as Canberra members so they get some feedback.

The monthly general meetings have been reasonably well attended. We must remember that a large number of our members live interstate and therefore cannot make these meetings. Goulburn members travel frequently and I have missed only a couple in all my years of involvement. There are some members who live locally who never bother to come and that is their decision.

These meetings are an important venue where issues are discussed and debated. They are not however the place to denigrate members who are not present as happened recently which is really disappointing. If you have a problem, speak to those concerned or a committee member and I am sure most things can be resolved with a bit of discussion. Just remember, we all work on a voluntary basis and put a good deal of time and energy into what we do for the club and each have an equal say at our general meetings.

Despite claims by some members that our membership is falling, it remains at a healthy 150 (28 up on previous year) and this means we are in the top eight of the 24 clubs affiliated with NSWGFA. For a club that is quite a way from the ocean this is pretty impressive and we have gained a good reputation for attending all the necessary meetings and being constructive within NSWGFA.

Our delegates at the NSWGFA AGM at Merimbula, Ron Smith, Frank Tallarida and Kim Hobday represented our Club and contributed to the meeting. It was fantastic to receive some of the most sought after NSW Coastal Waters Trophies for our members and the Club. As part of the Southern Zone we won both capture and tag and release categories.

At this meeting various motions were debated, some successful, some not. The motion for Solitary Island GFC to be affiliated was lost and Coffs Harbour has committed to trying to resolve the issue with those past members.

There has been a lot of discussion at both government meetings and clubs about the use of circle hooks. It has been determined that circle hooks increase the proportion of fish hooked in the jaw, rather than deep hooked. Scientific evidence has proven that jaw hooked fish stand a much better chance of surviving tag & release than deep hooked fish. Many anglers throughout the world are now using circle hooks exclusively for billfish and many other species including shark.

Therefore the motion passed was "Circle hooks only are permitted to be used for live baiting and trolling natural baits".

There was a further motion to use circle hooks for dead baits as well but this was defeated. The shark fishers had quite a bit to say about this but the representative from DII had a very good promo which definitely showed the benefits for all fishers with different size hooks.

Passing a motion such as this gives us credence with the various government bodies that we have to deal with who then can make recommendations on our behalf to the Minister. Who knows what will happen with the upcoming election but at least we had a win over Peter Garret with the Mako Shark issue. I noted that the Lib's state that they will not increase marine parks while the Greens have vowed to turn one third of Australia's territorial waters into marine parks where fishing would be banned. The result of this election could have major impact on our sport. Your vote counts!!!!

On that issue, I have had meetings with Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) and a representative, Phil Boxall also spoke at the NSWGFA AGM. They have said that they do not wish to take anything away from recreational anglers with the Areas for Further Assessment (AFA's) that are on the table and NSWGFA has sent them recommendations and opinions as requested.

As I said before, it has been a very busy year. As well as being secretary for this terrific club, I am also on the NSWGFA Executive as Records Officer, Southern Zone Chairman and sit on three government bodies as the salt water/recreational game fishing representative. Decisions made by these management committees impact on you all and are quite political.

It has again been a pleasure working with President John and the Committee and although we sometimes have to agree to disagree I think the outcomes have been positive. I look forward to the Bracken Bash in November and urge you all to try and make this weekend of fun.

Hope you all have a great season and I look forward to processing a lot of tag cards and capture certificates.

Sanchia Glaskin

30 July 2010

PLEASE NOTE : September meeting : Saturday 4 September 2010

Frank Tallarida's house at 2pm

21 Staphylton Street, Holder, ACT

The Hellenic Club are undergoing renovations and are unable to accommodate us on the Tuesday night so Frank generously offered his house and there will be demonstrations of wind-ons and braiding.

WORLD FIRST SATELLITE TAGGING OF PACIFIC SAILFISH

Bernie and I recently travelled to Broome for two days fishing for Pacific Sailfish aboard Chris Nisbet's Billistic.

We were fortunate in that during the two days that we fished, Billistic was taking part in a new state of the art satellite tagging programme to study Broome's iconic sailfish. The study is being funded by Woodside who are conducting the study as part of their preliminary work on the possible establishment of a gas hub on the coast north of Broome. It is being conducted in conjunction with the Broome Fishing Club and the Kimberley Marine Tourism Association (KMTA) and is being carried out by Dr Julian Pepperell in association with Charles Sturt University Albury Campus.

The study of sailfish in Broome waters commenced in July when PSAT tags were attached to sailfish. These tags are the more common satellite tags which pop off when programmed to do so and float to the surface where they transmit important data regarding the depth, water temperature and light levels at which the fish has been.

On board Billistic was Keller Kopf from Charles Sturt University and he was to complete the second part of the study which involved attaching satellite transmitter tags, known as SPOT tags, to the tails of sailfish of sufficient size. Keller was a very interesting fishing companion having recently completed his PhD on the age, growth and reproductive dynamics of Striped Marlin.

This is the first time in the world that these SPOT tags have been used to study sailfish. These tags act like a radio transmitter and are attached to the tail of the fish rather than the shoulder. When the fish is tailing on the surface the aerial of the transmitter is able to broadcast information to a satellite which can then provide real time information on the day to day location of the fish. This information will shortly be put on a website where the public can also track the whereabouts of the fish. As soon as the website has been set up I will let Kim know and she can put a link on the website.

On the first day out Bernie tagged the first fish and me the second to have the first two sailfish in the world to be fitted with these SPOT tags.

Over the two days we raised five fish and tagged four of these. Two only with the SPOT tags as the other fish were thought to be too small. The tags are a reasonable size and will stay on the fish for up to six months.

A SPOT satellite tag attached to a nice Broome sailfish

Our Skipper Chris Nisbet said that it is a late season this year in Broome with the fish as yet not showing up in great numbers. There is however plenty of bait and he feels that it is only a matter of time before things heat up to normal standards. He apologised on the first morning for



the wind but we assured him that the fifteen knots that fell out completely by lunchtime would be quite okay. It is thirteen years since Chris has fished Bermagui having left Melbourne and he is certainly spoiled by the lack of swell and wind in Broome.

Game fishing in Broome is dictated by the tides which have a variation of nine to ten metres between low and high. There are up to two weeks in every month in which they are not able to fish due to the tides.

The Pacific Sailfish however is a magnificent creature and the information gleaned from this study will be important for the future of the fishery. It was indeed a thrill to be involved in it in a small way.



A beautiful Broome sailfish prior to release



A pair of acrobatic Broome Sailfish



CGFC POINTSCORE 1 JUNE 2010 TO MAY 2011

DATE	ANGLER		BOAT	LOCATION	SPECIES	TAG	POINTS
12 Jun	Judy Sillis		Bill Collector	Bermagui	Striped Marlin	B031030	8500
	V Hernandez	J	Apothecary	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A474942	13
	V Hernandez	J	Apothecary	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A474944	13
	V Hernandez	J	Apothecary	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A474941	13
	V Hernandez	J	Apothecary	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A474943	13
	V Hernandez	J	Apothecary	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A540401	13
19 Jun	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482922	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482922	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482923	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482924	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482925	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482939	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482940	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482934	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482938	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482935	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482936	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A482937	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A517039	13
	Riki Campbell	J	Aquaholic 11	Batemans Bay	Striped Tuna	A517038	13
24 July	Ryan Capp		Panlicker	Bermagui	Mako Shark	S233970	2300
	Ryan Capp		Pnlicker	Bermagui	Blue Shark	S218880	2300

Southern Zone

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COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS ... JULY 2010

CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
MARLIN							
SHARK							
Mako	111.3	6	S/M	Stuart Wensing	Frigate	Batemans Bay	5
Mako	101.6	24	S/M	Matthew Britton	Opportunatee	Batemans Bay	4
TUNA							
OGF							

CAPTURES : MOST MERITORIOUS

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
MARLIN							
SHARK							
Mako	111.3	6	S/M	Stuart Wensing	Frigate	Batemans Bay	5
Mako	101.6	24	S/M	Matthew Britton	Opportunatee	Batemans Bay	4
TUNA							
OGF							

CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH

Batemans Bay 18

TAG & RELEASE POINTS FOR MONTH

"Opportunatee" Batemans Bay 13,700 5
 "Mighty Dragon" Eden 4,000 4

PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2010-2011 2010-2011

Batemans Bay 64

PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS

Batemans Bay 12
 Merimbula 5
 Eden 4
 Bermagui 2
 Jervis Bay 1

The NSWGFA AGM was a resounding success as far as Southern Zone was concerned taking our the Cock O' The Walk for both capture and tag and release. I was so proud to collect these trophies and thank all your members for making it possible. A full report has been sent to your clubs and is on the NSW website.

Merimbula did a fabulous job in hosting, with a great venue, food and service. Thank you to all the guys who were so hospitable.

Hopefully things will improve in the coming months fish wise, but at the moment Batemans Bay are off to a flying start and are the ones to beat!

Stay safe and have fun fishing.

Sanchia

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