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 " GALAXY STAR "

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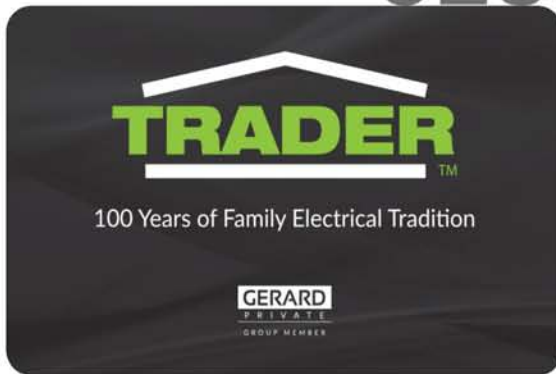
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# GFC of SA 2018-19



**Rolf Czabayski (Snr)**  
**Club Secretary**

Responsible for Club admin assistant to the Treasurer & Editor of the clubs news letter "The Pointer" Publication



**Ralph Czabayski (Jnr)**  
**\* GFC of SA President \***

Club figure head responsible for supervising the general running and presentation of the Club as well as acquiring yearly sponsorships and advertising for the Club



**Steve White**  
**Club Treasurer**

Responsible for Club financials

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**Steve Morris**  
**Club Technical Adviser**

Responsible for advisor for any Club technical rulings that occur

**Web Site Coordinator**

Responsible for updating & maintaining the Club website.



**Steve Morris**  
**Club Weight Recorder**

Responsible for all Club Points Recordings & Records

- Purchasing Trophies
- Presentation of Trophies for all of the Clubs Challenges & Tournaments.



**Graham Bold**  
**Tournament Director**

Responsible for Organizing & Running of all the Clubs yearly Challenges & Tournaments



**Tracey Tito**

**GFCSA Functions Coordinator**

Responsible for Organizing & Coordinating All Club Social Functions



**Mark Snadden**  
**Committee, Registering Tag Cards on Spread sheets**



**Mark Hoepner**

**Club Merchandise Coordinator**

In charge of all Club Stocks & Sales of Club Merchandise.



**Nichole Bradley**  
**Publicity Officer and FaceBook**



# Presidents Report



GFC of SA President  
*Ralph Czabayski*



Dear Members, welcome to the third edition of The Pointer Magazine for season 2019-2020.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Myself and my family had a great Christmas at home. On Boxing day we travelled up to Port Augusta and spent the day with Susan's family. On the 27<sup>th</sup> we then travelled to Port Lincoln for three weeks. The weather was really good over the three weeks, so we managed to get out on the boat and do a bit of fishing. We also spent some time out at some of the beaches in Port Lincoln with all the families that came up and stayed with us over the break.

You would have all received the second edition of The Pointer Magazine and once again what a great edition it was. I would like to congratulate Rolf once again on his ongoing efforts.

We held our two Christmas shows, one at Port Lincoln and one here in Adelaide. The Port Lincoln Christmas Show was well attended with over twenty adults and 8 children. We cooked up a BBQ with salads for lunch. Father Christmas came by boat in the early afternoon and gave out presents to all the children. The day parted on until the late hours of the evening. I would like to thank Russell, Tony, Susan, Julia and Anne for all their help on the day. The Adelaide Christmas show was a great success. For those who did not attend we held the Christmas show in the BBQ area at the Royal Yacht Squadron. The weather was kind to us, and we had over fifty adults and approximately twelve children attend. The BBQ and salads were amazing. Father Christmas turned up in the afternoon and gave out presents to all the children. Tracey did a great job with the raffle and the prizes were excellent. The Christmas show was one of the best with a great attendance. Thanks to Russell and all of the Committee who attended. The committee did an outstanding job.

From what the weight recorder has told me there has been a lot of recordings sent through from the Christmas break. Keep it up.

The John Johnston Memorial Wirrina Tuna Slam is coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of February, we are all looking forward to this event. I will give you a full run down of this event in the fourth edition of The Pointer Magazine.

Our Tuesday night once a month BBQ get togethers are really turning out to be a big success. They are well attended. Tracey is doing a great job on organising the night. Also, thanks to the committee for all of their help.

The club is in good shape and has no other financial depts apart from daily bills

Tight Lines,

Ralph Czabayski

President



**If you have a fishing trip with photos you want to share with our members, feel free to send it through to Rolf! It will be greatly appreciated.**

**Email: [rolf@esc.net.au](mailto:rolf@esc.net.au)**



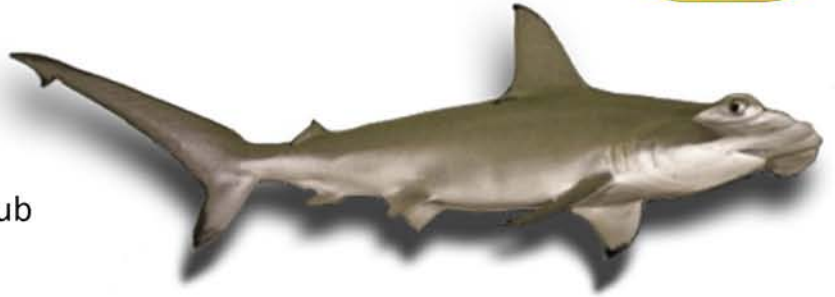
# Treasurers Report



GFC of SA Treasurer  
**Steve White**

All members – GFCSA

Financial Overview of Club



Hi All,

As our members are aware, half of Kangaroo Island has been destroyed by bushfires and will take years, if not decades, to recover. Fortunately, I chose to buy a house in Kingscote in 2008 rather than on a few acres of land which would probably have put me right into the fires. The damage is staggering – 2 lives, 56 homes, countless sheds, outbuildings, vehicles and farm machinery, 100,000 stock, 25,000 koalas, miles of fencing – the list goes on and on. And with hot weather due to return in a couple of days, the risk is far from over.

Tourism and farming are the mainstays of the KI economy and both have been hit for six. Tough times ahead. So if ever you were planning a fishing trip to KI, now's the time to do it, as the local economy needs your tourist dollars. Come over and spend up on local produce and help us recover.

GFCSA continues to move along steadily with sound financial management. Turnover year to date is about \$54k but the next six months are traditionally low on revenues. The Club will still make a surplus for the financial year. The Balance Sheet shows and no liabilities beyond normal day to day costs. It is not anticipated that there will be much change to the overall position for the next period.

Detailed Club financial information may be obtained by contacting Rolf Czabayski or myself.

**Stephen White, Treasurer of GFC of SA**

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GFCSA Weight Recorder

Hi all, I am starting to see a few more recording coming in when filling out your recording forms don't forget to keep an eye on the calendared challengers you could have caught something that fits one of the challenge's criteria that running at the time you catch it, so far as you will see by the tables over the next few following pages virtually no entries until the December challenge.

I have also posted these results from all the challengers up till now on our clubs web site, hopefully things will pick up now that the long day light hours and warmer weather is here and I hear that there are Tuna along the coast already, so there is no excuse not to get out there and score some fish and points as well, don't forget we still have the best part of this season to come, it's all out there right now, just go out and make it happen!

I have had quite a few recordings come in entered in the new NONE Line class section, quite a lot of tagging mainly from a lot of our new members and the land based people to, which is great to see, keep it up, the more the better!

## WARRINA REPORT

At the Tuesday night briefing held in the club rooms The Wirrina "John Johnston Memorial" Tuna Slam was postponed over concerns with the forecasted out look of the weather it was re scheduled till the end of the month. The new dates are now that the briefing will be held at Wirrina on the Friday 28th Feb, fishing days will be.... the Sat 29th of Feb & Sun the 1st of March 2020.

Everyone concerned was notified & flyers with the updated info will be posted on our web site, facebook page and other media pages.

Already some boats have entered as the new date have suited them better and of course one or two have dropped out but it can't be helped, it is better to be safe the sorry,

Hopefully we can pick up a few more entries over the next week or so, I will be doing a full report with the results & the outcome of the Wirrina "John Johnston Memorial" Tuna Slam in the next Pointer Issue.

## Reminder NOTE:-

This season the committee also decided to instigate a new committee position, that of "Club Tag Master" Mark Snadden has taken on this position, so from now on he will be in control of the clubs comings & goings of the clubs tag stocks, this was also done to alleviate the work load of off the weight recorder, who usually controlled the tags, so when a member needs tags or to know anything about tags you should contact.... Mark Snadden M.0409 326 698 or Email: [info@glenelfishingcharters.com.au](mailto:info@glenelfishingcharters.com.au).

*I am hoping that we all have a good season and get some great catches recorded again this year,*

*Regards*

*Steve Morris GFCSA Technical Advisor / Temp Weight Recorder*

## CRITERIA OF A NEW NONE LINE CLASS FISHING SECTION & HOW IT ALL WORKS

Some of our more active anglers are aware of this new section but not all of the membership. So I'm laying it all out so everyone can be more involved or at least be more aware of how you can participate

This season is the first full season the club is running this new fishing section in the hope of attracting some new members into the club, so these new members as well as our establish & active members can compete in this section which will be known as the... "NONE LINE CLASS SECTION".

This section is geared toward making a competition within the club that is easier to understand, with less paper work or without any excessive rules to follow, as well as being able to claim something for those times when fish are caught fishing line classes that don't make the line class used & for the new members that don't wish to fish line classes at all.

The categories in this "NONE LINE CLASS SECTION" have been made as simple as possible.

1. Only GFAA game species will be excepted.
2. The fish must be caught legally as by the state fisheries rules, regulation & legal sizes & or by GFAA. sizes which ever is applicable for that species
3. All species entered in this section whether claimed as a Capture or Tag Capture, **MUST BE WEIGHED.**  
(if claimed as a tag capture the tag itself will not be counted in the tag count for the year.)
4. Tags used in the none line section will only count as a single tag across all categories & divisions with no points attached, the angler with the most tags by the end of the season will be the winner of this tag category.
5. The heaviest of each Game Species entered in each category and division at the end of the year, will be the winner of that species.
6. Recording forms will still need to be filled out, no point scoring required but all other info on the form is still required to be filled out and the form will still need to be sent in within the normal time period aloud, to be counted

## NOTE:-

*There will be no more none line class 50 points scoring in the line class categories as in the past, from now on these none line class tags will be counted in the new none "NONE LINE CLASS TAGGING SECTION" as laid out in item 4 above.*



## ALL WATERS CHALLENGE, HELD BETWEEN THE 20th JUL ---- 25th AUG -- 2019

**\*Boats & Anglers that records the Most GFAA Species for the Challenge all Category**

**\*Highest Point Scoring:** Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions

**\*Highest Tag Point Scoring:-** Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions

**GFAA Line Class Section** GFAA Equipment rules apply

**NONE Line Class Section** (Rules are:- legal by state law)

**All WATERS, 6kg line & Under Line Classes GFAA Line Class Section & NONE Line Class, GFAA Species Only**

**RECEIVED NO ABOVE CRITERIA RECORDINGS FOR THIS CHALLENGE**

## AUSSIE SALMON CHALLENGE, HELD BETWEEN THE 31st AUG ---- 22nd SEP -- 2019

## WINNERS

**\*Most Meritorious:** Salmon

**\*Heaviest** Salmon, (Line Class & None Line Class)

**\*Highest Tag Point Scoring:-** Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class)

**\*\*WINNER of the none line class tagging category:-**

**Jason  
D'Angelo  
with 2 Tags**

**GFAA Line Class Section** GFAA Equipment rules apply

**NONE Line Class Section** (Rules are:- legal by state law)

**All WATERS, 6kg line & Under Line Classes GFAA Line Class Section & NONE Line Class**

**RECEIVED NO LINE CLASS RECORDINGS FOR THIS CHALLENGE,  
ONLY (1) NONE LINE CLASS ENTRY**

## EAGLE RAY CHALLENGE, HELD BETWEEN THE 28th Sept ---- 20th Oct -- 2019

**\*Most Meritorious:** Eagle Ray

**\*Heaviest** Eagle Ray, (Line Class & None Line Class)

**\*Highest Tag Point Scoring:-** Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class)

**GFAA Line Class Section** GFAA Equipment rules apply

**NONE Line Class section** (Rules are:- legal by state law)

**All WATERS, 15kg & Under Line Classes GFAA Line Class Section & NONE Line Class**

**RECEIVED NO ABOVE CRITERIA RECORDINGS FOR THIS CHALLENGE**

## TUNA /SNAPPER CHALLENGE HELD BETWEEN THE 14 Dec 2019 — 26 Jan 2020

**Heaviest Combined Weight:- 1 Tuna, 1 Snapper** TUNA ONLY (Snr Male Division) **Rolf Czabayski** 30.6kg

**Most Meritorious:-Tuna / Snapper** TUNA ONLY (Snr Male Division) **Rolf Czabayski** 17.5kg on 6kg Line 291.67 Points

**Heaviest: Tuna / Snapper** TUNA ONLY (Snr Male Division) **Rolf Czabayski** — 17.5kg

**Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions**

**GAME BOAT (Category) HIGHEST POINTS SCORING BOAT — GALAXY STAR — with 19871.04 Points**

**GAME BOAT (Category) HIGHEST POINTS SCORING ANGLER (Snr Male Division) Rolf Czabayski — with 7,165.00 points**

**TRAILER BOAT (Category) HIGHEST POINTS SCORING BOAT — JUSTAGIRL — with 2,321.67points**

**TRAILER BOAT (Category) HIGHEST POINTS SCORING ANGLER (Snr Male Division) Richard Stanley — with 7241.67 points**

**TRAILER BOAT (Category) HIGHEST POINTS SCORING ANGLER (Snr Female Division) Tracey Tito — with 190 points**

**Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions**

**GAME BOAT (Category) HIGHEST TAG POINTS SCORING BOAT — GALAXY STAR — with 5,388.54 Points**

**GAME BOAT (Category) HIGHEST TAG POINTS SCORING ANGLER (Snr Male Division) Rolf Czabayski 1899.58 Tag Points**

**TRAILER BOAT ((Category) HIGHEST TAG POINTS SCORING BOAT — JUSTAGIRL — with 1,883.33 Tag points**

**TRAILER BOAT ((Category) HIGHEST TAG POINTS SCORING ANGLER (Snr Male Division) Haydon Steinmann - with 647.5 Tag Points**

**TRAILER BOAT ((Category) HIGHEST TAG POINTS SCORING ANGLER (Snr Female Division) Julie Stanley—with 321.67 tag Points**

**All WATERS, 8kg line and under line classes All GFAA Species & Rules apply**

**ABOVE CRITERIA RECORDINGS & WINNERS FOR THIS CHALLENGE**



# 2019-20 Yearly Scoring Tables AS OF 23/01/20

## TRAILER BOAT CATEGORY

### TRAILER BOAT (U/26ft) Category Leaders as of 20/02/20

Boat Name	Tournament	Criteria Achieved	Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
Justagirl	yearly	3 of 4	4,243.75	1,548.13	5,791.88
Reel Salty	yearly	2 of 4	2,790.83	1,395.42	4,186.25
Barcrusher	yearly	1 of 4	1,831.25	915.63	2,746.88
Mickswinch	yearly	1 of 4	2,168.75	397.38	2,566.13
Barcrusher Boys	yearly	2 of 4	1,081.25	0.00	1,081.25
Checkmate	yearly	1 of 4	316.67	0.00	316.67

### TRAILER BOAT (U/26ft) Highest Scoring Angler Category Leaders as of 20/02/20

Anglers Name	Tournament	Criteria Achieved	Division	Capture Points	Tag points	Total Points
Haydon Steinemann	yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	2,790.83	1,395.42	4,186.25
Shane Hodggers	yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	1,537.50	768.75	2,306.25
Julie Stanley	yearly	1 of 4	Snr Female	643.33	321.69	2,168.75
Tracey Tito	yearly	2 of 4	Snr Female	1,288.75	432.71	1,721.46
Zane Niblock	yearly	3 of 4	Snr Male	1,445.83	722.92	1,313.75
Ash Brandom	yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	769.50	142.88	912.38
Jerry Burt	yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	603.00	127.00	730.00
Mick Dawe	yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	641.25	50.00	691.25
Tracey Bradbrook	yearly	2 of 4	Snr Female	493.33	191.67	685.00
Richard Stanley	yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	453.33	105.83	559.17
Andrew Sammut	yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	316.67	0.00	316.67
Kevin Tito	yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	190.00	95.00	285.00
Jake Hall-McLeod	yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	153.75	76.88	236.36
Alicia Bolitho	yearly	1 of 4	Snr Female	140.00	70.00	210.00

### TRAILER BOAT (U/26ft) -- Angler M/M Game Species Listings As of 20/02/20

Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Species	Boat Name	Weight	Line Kg	Ratio
Zane Niblock	Yearly	Snr Male	SBFTuna	Barcrusher Boys	20.3kg	4kg	5.08 to 1
Richard Stanley	Yearly	Snr Male	SBFTuna	Justagirl	14.5kg	6kg	2.4 to 1
Andrew Sammut	Yearly	Snr Male	Gummy Shark	Checkmate	9.5kg	3kg	3.17 to 1
Zane Niblock	Yearly	Snr Male	Bronze whaler	Barcrusher Boys	22.5	8kg	2.81 to 1

### TRAILER BOAT (U/26ft) -- Angler Heaviest Game Species Listings As of 20/02/20

Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Species	Boat Name	Weight	Line Kg	Capture Points
Zane Niblock	Yearly	Snr Male	SBFTuna	Barcrusher Boys	20.3kg	4kg	507.50
Richard Stanley	Yearly	Snr Male	SBFTuna	Justagirl	14.5kg	6kg	291.67
Andrew Sammut	Yearly	Snr Male	Gummy Shark	Checkmate	9.5kg	3kg	316.67
Zane Niblock	Yearly	Snr Male	Bronze whaler	Barcrusher Boys	22.5kg	8kg	281.25



## GAME BOAT CATEGORY

### All GAME BOAT (0/26ft) Category Leaders As of 20/02/20

Boat Name	Tournament	Criteria Achieved		Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
Galaxy Star	Yearly	3 of 4		14,482.50	5,388.54	19,871.04
Spartacus	Yearly	2 of 4		1,493.00	446.83	1,939.83

### All GAME BOAT (0/26ft) Highest Scoring Angler Category Leaders As of 20/02/20

Anglers Name	Tournament	Criteria Achieved	Division	Capture Points	Tag points	Total Points
Rolf Czabayski	DEC Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	5,265.42	1,899.58	7,165.00
Ralph Czabayski	Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	3,119.33	1,175.50	4,294.83
Bart Van Der Heiden	DEC Yearly	3 of 4	Snr Male	2,633.75	831.88	3,465.63
Zane Niblock	DEC Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	2,001.25	849.38	2,850.63
Paul Tobin	Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	2,001.25	849.38	2,850.06
Nigel Hunt	DEC Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	1,183.75	379.38	1,563.13
Peter Wright	Yearly	2 of 4	Snr Male	561.67	160.00	721.61
Harry Czabayski	Yearly	2 of 4	Small Fry Male	267.00	68.00	355.00

### All GAME BOAT (0/26ft) -- Angler M/M Game Species Listings As of 22/02/20

Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Species	Boat Name	Weight	Line Kg	Ratio
Rolf Czabayski	Yearly	Snr Male	SBF Tuna	Galaxy Star	17.5kg	6kg	2.83 to 1
Bart Van Der Heiden	Yearly	Snr Male	Eagle Ray	Galaxy Star	24kg	8kg	3 to 1

### All GAME BOAT (0/26ft) -- Angler Heaviest Game Species Listings As of 20/02/20

Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Species	Boat Name	Weight	Line Kg	Capture Points
Rolf Czabayski	Yearly	Snr Male	SBF Tuna	Galaxy Star	17.5kg	6kg	291.67
Bart Van Der Heiden	Yearly	Snr Male	Eagle Ray	Galaxy Star	24kg	8kg	300.00

## LAND BASED CATEGORY

### Anglers Leaders in the Landbased Category As of 20/02/20

Anglers Name	Tournament	Criteria Achieved	Division	Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
Ash Brandom	Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	4,632.50	0.00	4,632.50
Mark Hoepner	Yearly	1 of 4	Snr Male	2,686.50	0.00	2,475.00
Nick Capetanakis	Yearly	1 of 4	Jnr Male	896.50	0.00	896.50

### LAND BASED -- Angler M/M Game Species Listings As of 20/02/20

Anglers Name	Tournament		Division	Species	Weight	Line Kg	Ratio
Ash Brandom	Yearly		Snr Male	Carp	7.5kg	1kg	7.5 to 1
Ash Brandom	Yearly		Snr Male	Eagle Ray	30.2kg	8kg	3.78 to 1

### LAND BASED Angler Heaviest Game Species Listings As of 20/02/20

Anglers Name	Tournament		Division	Species	Weight	Line Kg	Capture Points
Ash Brandom	Yearly		Snr Male	Carp	7.5kg	1kg	750.00
Ash Brandom	Yearly		Snr Male	Eagle Ray	30.2	8kg	377.50



# NONE LINE CLASS CATEGORY

## NONE LINE CLASS Tagging Leaders as of 20/02/20

Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Category		No. of Tags
Jason D'Angelo	Yearly None Line Class	Snr Male	L/B+Trailer Boat	Keen Azz	29
Haydon Steinmann	Yearly None Line Class	Snr Male	Trailer Boat	Reel Salty	18
Connor Sammut	Yearly None Line Class	Jnr male	Trailer Boat	Checkmate	8
Andrew Sammut	Yearly None Line Class	Snr Male	Trailer Boat	Checkmate	6
Jason Sammut	Yearly None Line Class	Snr Male	Trailer Boat	Checkmate	4
Nigel Hunt	Yearly None Line Class	Snr Male	Game Boat	Galaxy Star	3
Rolf Czabayski	Yearly None Line Class	Snr Male	Game Boat	Galaxy Star	1
Luke Donhardt	Yearly None Line Class	Jnr Male	Trailer Boat	Fish Fever	1
				Total NLC Tags	71

## NONE LINE CLASS ----- Heaviest Game Fish Species Leaders

Anglers Name	Tournament	Division	Species	Boat	Category	Weighed	Weight
Jason D'Angelo	Yearly None Line Class	Snr Male	SBFTuna	N/A	Charter boat	C	130kg
Amanda Whitehorn	Yearly None Line Class	Snr Female	School Shark	Justagirl	Trailer Boat	C	18kg
Jason D'Angelo	Yearly None Line Class	Snr Male	yellowtail Kingfish	Keen Azz	Trailer Boat	T/C	34.5kg
Haydon Steinmann	Yearly None Line Class	Snr Male	Eagle Ray	Reel Salty	Trailer Boat	C	12.28kg
Nick Capetanakis	Yearly None Line Class	Jnr Male	Catfish	N/A	L/B	C	1.05kg
Nick Capetanakis	Yearly None Line Class	Jnr Male	Carp	N/A	L/B	C	1.82kg
Jason Sammut	Yearly None Line Class	Snr Male	Samson Fish	Checkmate	Trailer Boat	C	23.7kg

# GFCSA Tag Master



GFCSA Tag Master  
**Mark Snadden**

Hi all,

This is my first report since taking over the management of the tag cards for the club. The past 6 months has been spent getting all the tag records in order and up to date. The majority of this was done by Steve Morris with some help from myself. It was a magnificent effort by Steve and he should be congratulated for the amount of hours [over a hundred] he put in to do this. We currently have a good stock of all tags even after sending out hundreds of tags. We have received back plenty of tag cards recently showing the fishing is pretty good at the moment.

Andrew Sammut captured a kingfish and a samson fish recently that had already been previously tag. After removing the previous tag and retagging them they were both released to fight another day. This type of data will be invaluable for research purposes.

I must also congratulate everyone on filling out the tag cards which overall has been excellent.

Just a reminder that if you are claiming a tag and release fish the tag card must be sent in with the recording form.

The forms and cards can be sent to the club's PO BOX, hand delivered to Steve or myself at any club meeting [1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month] or to Steve at Top Shot Tackle.

Please remember you only have 2 weeks [14 days] after the end of your trip to get them to us.

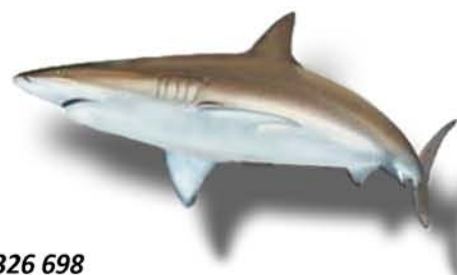
Lastly if anyone wants tags you need to contact myself to arrange delivery or pickup but don't leave it to the last minute as I'm not always in Adelaide.

If you have tag cards posted to you there is a \$10.00 charge for the post bag.

You can contact myself on –

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Keep on fishing and tight lines. Kind regards

**MARK SNADDEN**

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		<b>Glossary</b> >>> Category = ( Game Boats :Trailer Boats & Land Bait) Division = ( Men's, Ladies, Juniors, Small Fry & NONE Line Class ) Section = ( Highest Points, Tagging, Capture, Heaviest, Most Meritorious etc ) Species = ( Listed GFAA Game Fish, Sharks & Eagle Rays combined ) Game Fish = ( Listed GFAA Fish only ) NONE Line Class = ( Anglers that are fishing under state law & not GFAA Line Classes & Equipment Rules )
 <b>GFCSA 2019 2020 FISHING EVENTS</b> 		
<b>ALL WATERS CHALLENGE</b>		
	Starts: Saturday Ends: Sunday 20th Mar 20 25th Aug 20	<b>COMPLETED</b> Boats & Anglers that records the most Species for the Challenge all Category Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment rules apply NONE Line Class section (rules are: legal by state law)
<b>Aust Salmon CHALLENGE</b>		
	Starts: Saturday Ends: Sunday 31st Aug 20 23rd Sep 20	<b>COMPLETED</b> Most Meritorious: Salmon Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class) Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class) GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment rules apply NONE Line Class section (rules are: legal by state law)
<b>Eagle Ray CHALLENGE</b>		
	Starts: Saturday Ends: Sunday 28th Sep 20 20th Oct 20	<b>COMPLETED</b> Most Meritorious: Eagle Ray Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class) Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class) GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment rules apply NONE Line Class section (rules are: legal by state law)
<b>SHARK CHALLENGE</b>		
	Starts: Saturday Ends: Sunday 2nd Nov 2019 1st Dec 20	<b>COMPLETED</b> Most Meritorious: Shark Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class) GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment rules apply NONE Line Class section (rules are: legal by state law)
<b>PACIFIC MARINE WIRRINA SNAPPER OPEN</b>		
	To be Advised To be Advised To be Advised	<b>COMPLETED</b> SPONSORED TOURNAMENT, Line Class Section & NONE Line Class section, GFAA Species Only Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class) GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment Rules Apply NONE Line Class section (rules are: legal by state law)
<b>TUNA / SNAPPER CHALLENGE</b>		
	Starts: Saturday Ends: Sunday 14th Feb 20 23rd Jan 20	<b>COMPLETED</b> Most Meritorious: Tuna / Snapper Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class) Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class) GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment Rules Apply NONE Line Class section (rules are: legal by state law)
	<b>The "John Johnston Memorial" WIRRINA TUNA TOURNAMENT 2020</b>	
Based from Wirrina - Vessels must Radio Skeels Range Briefing Friday Starts: Saturday Ends: Sunday	10th Feb 2020 14th Feb 2020 20th Feb 2020	<b>COMPLETED</b> NO BOUNDARIES, Line Class Section & NONE Line Class Section, GFAA Species Only Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Angler, all Categories & Divisions GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment Rules Apply NONE Line Class section (rules are: legal by state law Only) Winning Angler - Angler with The heaviest Weighted Game Species = Per Day Winning Tag Angler - Most Game Fish Tagged by an Angler (@1for1) GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment rules apply NONE Line Class section (rules are: legal by state law Only)
<b>LAND BASE CHALLENGE</b>		
	29th Feb 2020 29 Mar 2020	<b>COMPLETED</b> Most Meritorious: GFAA Game Fish Heaviest: Game Fish (Line Class & None Line Class) Highest Point Scoring: Angler, all Divisions Highest Tag Point Scoring: Angler, all Divisions (Line Class & None Line Class) GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment rules apply NONE Line Class section (rules are: legal by state law Only)
<b>MARCH ALL WATER CHALLENGE</b>		
Trophy Presentation Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm at Club Rooms Starts: SATURDAY ENDS: SUNDAY	29th Feb 2020 29th Mar 2020	<b>COMPLETED</b> Trophy for Champion Boat with all 4 Criteria's Trailer Boats & Game Boats Trophy for Champion Angler with all 4 Criteria's Trailer Boats & Game Boats Heaviest and Most Meritorious in Each Line Class in both Boat Categories NONE Line Class Section Heaviest GFAA Species only in both Boat Categories GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment rules apply NONE Line Class section (rules are: legal by state law Only)
<b>ALL WATERS 'Ultra Light' CHALLENGE</b>		
	Starts: Saturday Ends: Sunday 30th May 2020 28th June 2020	<b>COMPLETED</b> All WATERS, 6kg and Under Line Classes GFAA Line Class Section & NONE Line Class Section, GFAA Species Only Most GFAA Species for each Line Class up to 6kg Heaviest of the Most Individual Game Species NONE Line Class Highest Point Scoring: Boat & Anglers Highest Tag Point Scoring: Boat & Anglers (Line Class & None Line Class) GFAA Line Class Section GFAA Equipment rules apply NONE Line Class section (rules are: legal by state law Only)
<b>SOCIAL EVENTS</b>		
Monthly Club Social Meetings Club Day Trip - Goolwa Family Cockling Day 2019 Christmas Party Pt. Lincoln 2019 Christmas Party Adelaide AGM Presentation Night 2019-2020	1st Tuesday of Every Month Sat 10th Nov 2017 Sun 24th Nov 2019 Sun 1st Dec 2019 Wed 22nd Jul 2020 Date to be Advised	Club Rooms 477 Port Rd. starts 6pm Goolwa - Details TBA <b>COMPLETED</b> Location 32a & 34b Parnkalla Ave Lincoln Cove <b>COMPLETED</b> Location the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron <b>COMPLETED</b> At the GFCSA clubrooms 477 Port Rd Croydon The Grange Golf Club







# CHRISTMAS PARTY GFCSA 2019

## Adelaide

The weather forecast was not in our favour, 19 degrees, strong winds and rain. Our biggest nightmare, who would have thought it was the first day of summer.

Congratulations to those who said "bugger it, we are still going to the Annual Xmas Party", and what a party we had!

This year it was held at the Royal Adelaide Yacht Squadron for the final time. Next year we will be holding all functions at our club rooms at 477 Port Rd Croydon.



Rolf and Margaret enjoying a drink and company.

Rolf was a happy man with his coke Bacardi and xmas crackers. The great thing about these parties are the partners of members coming along and everyone joining, as a club we need to encourage this.



There was plenty of Food available, Graham Bald was on BBQ duties and cooked up a treat, the girls made some amazing salads. Thank you ladies.



Gabriella enjoying her meal.





Steve and president Ralph sharing a table.

It was great to see so many come even with the weather forecast. We actually had a nice sheltered location and the rain held off all day. Steve and Ralph had their own dinner table with luxury seating.

Santa was a big hit and got everyone singing xmas carols. The presents kept the kids occupied most of the afternoon with them all having some fun together.



They had fire breathing dragons, remote controlled spiders and jewellery making kits for some of the girls. Santa left after some big hugs from the kids and the not so young as well.



Ralph was more excited sitting on Father Christmas' knee.



Ralph and Susan Czubayski enjoying their drinks.



Children enjoy the company of Father Christmas and their presents!



We did a few things different this year, this included swapping the traditional xmas stocking raffle that we have since inception to lucky squares, we had 4 and they all sold out before lunch.

Ralph, Nicole and Mark purchasing tickets for the Ham raffle.

The prize was a leg of Ham, a 6 pack of Beer and a club stubby holder. Congratulations to Jo, Russel, Ben and Jerry, a great addition to their family xmas tables.







Everyone busy socializing and enjoying their delicious meal.



Thanks again to everyone who attended. This was the best turnout for the Christmas part the club has ever had and next year, in our own club rooms, it'll be amazing, Lock the date away now: the first Sunday in December.

Thanks to the committee who are now working extra hard to bring you some great events this year!

**Rolf**

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# CLUB NIGHT

## 3rd December 2019

Do you think that a monthly get together for club and prospective members, where you can benefit by someone else's knowledge, product or an activity would be worthwhile?

We do! The club's monthly members night on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month is something you should try.

Tracey Tito is in charge of these events and she does make them into an event worth attending. They are advertised via our Facebook page, instagram account and Steve also sends them out via email.

November 5<sup>th</sup> we had the crew from Duraline along they gave a talk on their product, which creates a protection barrier which is resistant to salt, fuel, oil, growths and pretty much everything else. This product also reduces noise and makes for easy cleaning.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> was a big night with over 50 attending. We had a James Flack from Troll So Hard Lures (TSH), Steve Lewis from SBT and Steve Morris from Top Shot, set up in different areas in our club rooms. The information these guys had to share on rigging, hooks, spreads and everything tuna fishing was awesome. There was a lot to learn and some new ideas for this season. There were some bargains for the night for members as well as these lures were on sale.



We also welcomed 15 non-members 7 which have now joined us and looking forward to getting involved, 4 new Trailer boats join the fleet which is pretty awesome. The nights include a BBQ and a few Beers and wines. These nights have turned into a bit of a family fair, all partners and kids are very welcome. A special thanks to Justagirl crew member Tracy Bradbrook for the cakes, Steve Morris has a sweet tooth and didn't have sausage sizzle for dinner. He gained 5 kg and enjoyed just cake. I believe Russel Bianco was in a similar boat.





Peter Buik cooking up a feast.

Thank you also to Peter for giving Graham (the usual cook) the night off and cooking an awesome BBQ.



Huge thanks to Tracy Bradbrooks for making and donating all these beautiful cakes!

These nights are scheduled for your enjoyment and benefit so please come along and support them, what would you like to see, learn and do?

Start saving any lead you can find as we will be having a sinker making night. How would a drone night go?

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> will be an education night to get everyone rigged up for the upcoming comps so bring your rods reels and lures!



Russel, Gabriella, Dale and Jerry sharing a good late afternoon yarn.





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# CLUB NIGHT

## 4th February 2020

### *Tracey Tito – Event Co Ordinator*

We have had an exciting increase in activity around the club and welcome all the new members that have come and spent an evening with us at the club and decided to join.

The first Tuesday of every month is Club night and is open to everyone. Bring you partner, your kids and your friends, we are a family friendly club, and everyone is welcome.

“As the event coordinator I want to ensure that you will benefit from coming out”

So far this year we have had a Lure night which was a great success for the club, members and the suppliers/makers with lots of interest.

Your feedback would be appreciated on any topics/ Demonstrations you would benefit from.

Some ideas –

- Trailer maintenance
- Ladies night
- Cooking Fish
- Electronic nights
- End of season members video night – Best crew video
- Team safety event
- Crew quiz night (fishing related of course)



Our Instagram page is up and running so make sure you follow us on gamefishsa. I need pics of you fishing as I don't want to use justagirl pics all the time. The best Instagram pic will get a prize on presentation night.





The first club night was on the 4th Feb this year and was about getting the tackle box set up for the up and coming Tuna competitions. This was a huge success with about 40 in attendance. Everyone learnt a lot and are ready for our Tuna comps. Please come down to these nights, the girls are starting to show up and are having a great time so don't be shy bring your partners with you.

We are introducing a video competition for the club this year. It will be a crew competition and the conditions will come out in an email soon so get those cameras rolling, the smart phones these days are awesome so everyone can make a video.

Thanks for reading and we will see you at the club soon.







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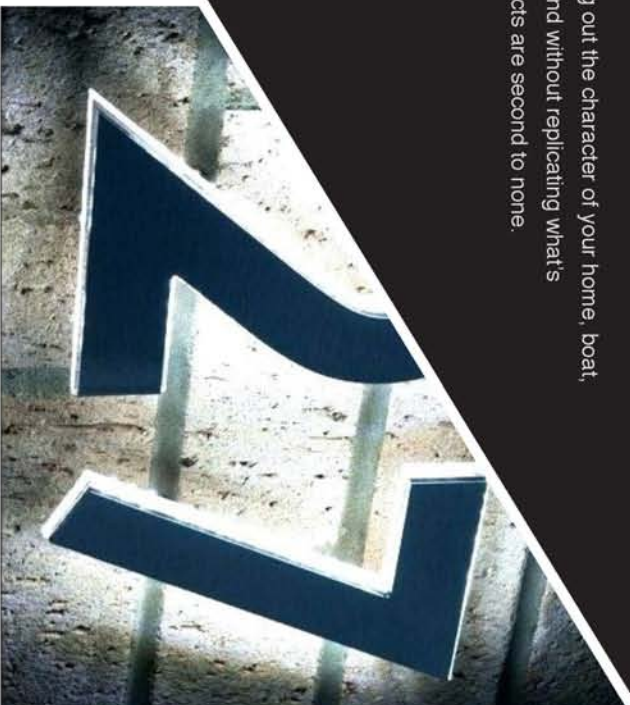
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**Zane Niblock**

# Reely Boiling Sea



Rolf called me about going to Port Lincoln for a short fishing trip and after seeing Adelaide's weather forecast predicating well into the 40's for the next 3 days I jumped at the opportunity.

We left at 5am in Rolf's trusty run around ute, drives like a Ferrari! We were there in no time arriving just after 11am. Bart, another member met us at the Galaxy Star and we headed to Liguanea Island. With 4, 6, and 8 kilo line we trolled for a couple of hours with no fish or birds to be seen.



Rolf with a nice tuna.

We anchored overnight in a small cove which seemed to be ok. During the night the South west swell became more consistent. Bart was sleeping in the master suite in the bow and copped most of it. Bart named this "Rolly Cove". We were keen to fish so we skipped breakfast we were off and within a couple of hours the tuna were landing on the deck. We were trolling with Top Shot skirts and hard bodies that Rolf was trying. It was a new lure that Tacklworld Port Lincoln and Halco had designed and it caught more than its fair share.

At one point the water was visually boiling in a massive area, it was so unreal. Between 3 of us on board we hooked close to 40 tuna in the one day. We kept 8 due to damage and food, the rest were tagged and released in good condition.



Bart hooked up to an Eagle Ray.



Rolf and Bart with their catch.



Zane and Bart with their catch.

Saturday night Rolf cooked a awesome restaurant quality dinner of roast pork with gravy, mixed veg and potatoes. Thanks Rolf.

Sunday had to be a short so we tried for sharks for a while with Bart catching an eagle Ray on 10 kilo. We head back to clean the boat and fly home afterwards. Filleted tuna was placed in a esky and given to my mate Josh who smoked the majority of it using his Grandpa's recipe , it was delicious. Another great trip.

**Zane Niblock**



Bart with his Eagle Ray which was released and claimed as a capture.





# The John Johnson Memorial Wirrina Tuna Slam

**Feb 28th and March 1st**

58 Senior and 6 Junior Anglers fishing on 21 boats competed in this years WIRRINA Tuna Slam. Weighing in 64 Tuna over the two days.

The Sammut crew travelled from Whyalla with their impressive 30 ft trailer boat. Ronnie Kremer And Dennis Jamison, came over by boat from Penneshaw, KI.

A huge effort was put in by all teams, fishing long hours and travelling many miles. The big marque proved invaluable and provided shelter on the last days presentation when the rain came in keeping everyone dry.

Would like to thank Diawa for their support again this year.

Special thanks to Major Sponsors, Star Electrical, Ben Gerrits and Mark Hoepner for their generosity. Ground crew Paul Tobin & Sam Roccatti. Thanks guys For your huge effort!

*The John Johnston Memorial*  
**Wirrina**  
**TUNA SLAM**

**Day 1 Winners List**

Sponsored by	Seniors Anglers Name		Sponsored by	Juniors Anglers Name	
Star Electrical & Star Car Hire	<u>First place</u> <b>\$1000 CASH</b>	Boyd Sparrow 19.2kg	ACArtmetal Coatings	<u>First place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 SALTIST</b>	Connor Sammut 13.9kg
Gerrits Plastering & Woodroffs Skylights	<u>Second place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 SALTIST</b>	Mitch Hallyday 17.9kg	Pt Lincoln Boat Supplies	<u>Second place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 SALTIST</b>	Oscar Dade 11.2kg
Trimboli Service	<u>Third place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 SALTIST</b>	Fabian Kilimann 17.6kg	Trimboli Service	<u>Third place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 SALTIST</b>	None Recorded
North East Crash	<u>Fourth place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 ELIMINATER</b>	Dave Wallace 17.5kg	North East Crash	<u>Fourth place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 ELIMINATER</b>	None Recorded

**Day 2 Winners List**

Sponsored by	Seniors Anglers Name		Sponsored by	Juniors Anglers Name	
Star Electrical & Star Car Hire	<u>First place</u> <b>\$1000 CASH</b>	Boyd Sparrow 18.1kg	ACArtmetal Coatings	<u>First place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 SALTIST</b>	Connor Sammut 15.7kg
Gerrits Plastering & Woodroffs Skylights	<u>Second place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 SALTIST</b>	Abby Sammut 16.2kg	Pt Lincoln Boat Supplies	<u>Second place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 SALTIST</b>	None Recorded
Trimboli Service	<u>Third place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 SALTIST</b>	Rolf Czabaski 15.2kg (On a count back)	Trimboli Service	<u>Third place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 SALTIST</b>	None Recorded
North East Crash	<u>Third place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 ELIMINATER</b>	Andrew Sammut 15.2kg	North East Crash	<u>Fourth place</u> <b>Diawa</b> <b>6500 ELIMINATER</b>	None Recorded

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6	12
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10	20
15	30
24	48
37	90
60	150



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Line class kg	Bronze kg	Silver kg	Gold kg	Merit kg
1	2	3	4	8
2	4	6	8	16
3	6	9	12	24
4	8	12	16	32
6	12	18	24	48
8	16	23	32	64
10	20	30	40	80
15	30	45	60	120
24	48	72	96	192
37	90	135	250	500
60	150	210	325	650

### SHARK MERIT PINS

Line class kg	Bronze kg	Silver kg	Gold kg	Merit kg
1	4	6	8	16
2	8	12	16	32
3	12	18	24	48
4	16	24	32	64
6	24	36	48	96
8	32	48	64	128
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# Kangaroo Island Bushfire Tragedy

Hi all,

I took and sent a few photos but once I'd driven mile after mile through burned out scrub, farms, etc, it got too depressing to take photos.



For those of you who know KI's geography, I took the North Coast Road from Kingscote and the first burned out areas started to appear before Stokes Bay. Stokes itself survived and the foreshore cafe was doing a roaring trade today. But from then on, aside from the odd green patch, the bush was burned out right through to the West End Highway/Cape Borda corner. The Cape Borda road is still closed to general traffic so I took the West End Highway south. This runs along the inside of the National Parks to the South Coast Road - about 30km - and both sides of the road, as far as the eye could see, were burned out..

Flinders Chase was closed so I headed east along the South Coast Road. Turnoffs to Wilderness Retreat, Kelly Caves, Hanson Bay, etc were all closed and completely burned out. The devastation continued all the way to Vivonne Bay which was saved from the fire and the Shop was open, so I bought lunch and gave the dog a walk.



I'd been driving for over 100km through devastated bush. Just east of Vivonne Bay, I was diverted north by Army as there had been a car accident on the South Coast Road, and soon found myself back in burned out scrub. When I could, I turned east on a dirt road and the fire damage continued all the way to the South Coast Road just north of Seal Bay.





The bush has already started to regenerate with the black boys sprouting new growth but I wonder what's left below the surface. A week or so after the rain, the black ash has been washed into the soil but no sign of any new growth at ground level yet. All the experts have been saying that this year has been different than previous bushfires with far hotter and more ferocious fires across the country, so it'll be interesting to see if all the seeds, plant roots, etc will come up or have been incinerated. We had substantial rain a couple of days ago across the Island and I was surprised to see no new growth yet.

Talking to locals, the CFS volunteers and farmers almost stopped the fire at the edge of Flinders Chase but lack of manpower and resources saw it get away from them with the cool change and the strong westerly winds that accompanied it. And apparently, even after the rain fell, the below surface soil temperature was still 200 degrees.

**Steve White**



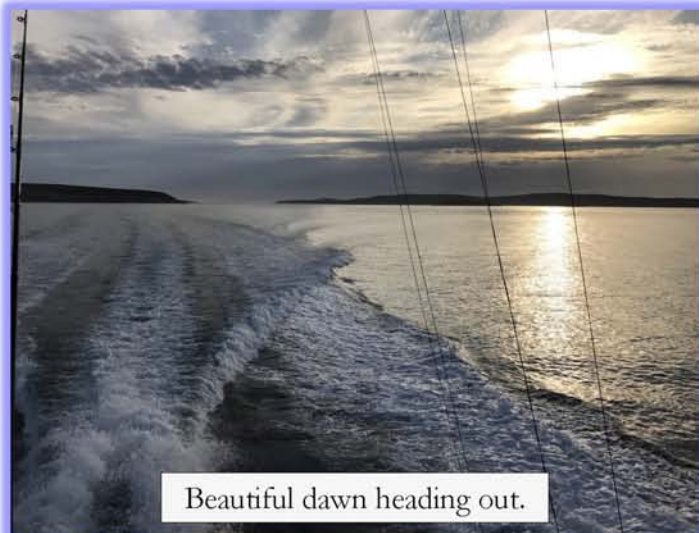


# GALAXY STAR ON THE HUNT

## TUNA TIME



Nigel Hunt



Beautiful dawn heading out.

Nothing wakes an angler out of a warm, morning sun induced state of relaxation faster than two words – “fish on.”

Galaxy Star had barely completed her first sweep past the southern side of Low Rocks, south of Catastrophe when crewman Ray Rankin let rip with the much-anticipated cry much to the delight of skipper Rolf Czabayski and myself.

And what made it even better was the fact two out of three 6kg outfits were buckled over and their reels screaming. Just one thing better than a double hook-up – a triple!

While Ray soon had his tuna in the landing net, mine took a few minutes longer and as is often the case, the single hook in the tail of the lure let go boat side. The fish were not large with both in the 10kg size range and as it turned out they were not about in great numbers, so Rolf pointed Galaxy Star southwards towards South Neptune Island.

It was almost an hour later when we landed the next tuna on the southern side of the South Neptune, but once again the fish were scarce and after a few more sweeps Galaxy Star headed south-west to explore a couple of close-by lumps.



Galaxy Star trolling in offshore waters.



Rolf playing a tuna on 4kg line.

We had barely arrived when all three outfits screamed to life – the first of many triple hook-ups over the next few days. While the fish were not abundant, there were enough there to maintain our attention for the next few hours.

As is often the case, conditions in the anchorage at the South Neptune can be somewhat challenging. What started as a relatively light south-easterly at sundown changed during the night to a fairly brisk easterly – enough to make things a tad uncomfortable as a metre of chop barreled straight in.



Day two of our four day trip saw Galaxy Star back on the close-by lumps where we encountered fish the previous day, but they were nowhere to be seen. After a fruitless half hour of trolling a quick team meeting saw Galaxy Star heading west to the Cabbage Patch where numerous boats had reported action over the previous week.

We were not surprised to see a couple of boats already on site, one of them making the most of the run of big Samson fish that have been smashing jigs and live baits since Christmas.



As expected, the tuna were also on! Galaxy Star had not even reached the shallowest of the southern lumps when the first patches of fish could be seen smashing baitfish on the surface. On many occasions when hooked fish were close to the boat they were accompanied by their mates and a handful of kingfish for good measure!

After a good nights sleep in the anchorage at Williams Island day three saw Galaxy Star back at the Cabbage Patch. While there were tuna on the southern lumps, the action had slowed somewhat from the previous day. With just an hour or so before we had decided to pull the plug Rolf opted to charge over to the northern lumps to have a look. It was a wise decision because we managed another eight nice fish in no time before calling it quits.



With the final day of the trip imminent, Galaxy Star motored to the north-western end of Thistle Island for the night to chase bronze whalers and add another species to Galaxy Star's capture list for the season.

However, despite pumping several bins of burley out we remained sharkless and pulled the pin at midday to return to Lincoln Cove for the inevitable clean-up before catching flights home.

All up, Galaxy Star recorded 49 tuna in three days of steady fishing with all but a few returned to the water sporting a tag. The vast majority were in the 15kg size range with the largest 21kg. An added bonus was a dozen lovely kingfish that were not so fortunate.



IGFA member Nigel Hunt with a nice capture.



IGFA member Ray Rankin with his hands full of Tuna.



The happy team for the trip.  
Ray, Rolf and Nigel.





Steve Morris GFCSA  
Technical Director

The committee has asked me in my capacity as the clubs technical adviser to do a regular ongoing pointer report to help our anglers understand the GFAA 's Equipment and Angling rules that we and all affiliated clubs in Australia fish under. This will be done by way of translating them into straight out layman's terms so we all understand what the actual intent of the wording of that rule means.

I will first quote and reference to the actual GFAA rules one by one accompanied with the highlighted layman's version there after of what that rules intent and meaning is.

To lead off I have first quoted Part (1) of the section of the GFAA fishing ethics, followed by part (2) the start of the angling & equipment rule analogies.

## Rules and Equipment Regulations Section

"RULES & REGULATIONS & ELIGIBLE SPECIES" Quoted source Ref: ( [www.gfaa.asn.au](http://www.gfaa.asn.au)) under

### Part 1/ Angling Ethics

The Angling Rules and Regulations have been formulated to promote ethical and sportsmanlike angling practices, to establish uniform regulations for the compilation of Australian Gamefish Records and to provide basic angling guidelines for use in fishing tournaments and any other group angling activity.

The word 'angling' is defined as catching or attempting to catch fish with a rod, reel, line and hook as outlined in the GFAA Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations. However, there are some aspects of angling that cannot be controlled through rule-making. Angling rules cannot ensure an outstanding performance from each fish and Australian records cannot indicate the amount of difficulty in catching the fish.

Captures in which the fish has not fought or has not had a chance to fight do not reflect credit on the angler, and only the angler can properly evaluate the degree of achievement in establishing the record.

Only fish caught in accordance with GFAA Australian Angling Rules and within the intent of these rules will be considered for Australian records.

"ANGLING RULES" Quoted source Ref: ( [www.gfaa.asn.au](http://www.gfaa.asn.au)) under :

### Part 2/ Angling

- GFAA rule 1. From the time a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight and land or boat the fish without the aid of any other person, except as provided for in these regulations.

(CLARIFICATION to ANGLING RULE 1.) *If the mate is letting out a bait or lure and the reel is in free spool, the rod can be put back in the cover board or handed to the angler. Under no circumstances can any drag be put on the reel. This situation is legal. The rationale is that the hook has not been set with the reel out of gear. When retrieving a bait or lure the fish would be disqualified immediately if the rod is put back into the cover board or transferred to another person as the reel is in gear and the hook has been set.*

**No1 / Layman Interpretation: All read clarified by GFAA Should be self explanatory**

- GFAA rule 2. If a rod holder is used and a fish takes the bait or lure, the angler must remove the rod from the holder as quickly as possible.

**No2 / Layman Interpretation: This means straight away, not when it suite you or after landing another fish.**

- GFAA rule 3. In the event of a multiple strike on separate lines being fished by a single angler, only the first fish fought will be considered for an Australian record.

**No3 / Layman Interpretation: This means that the fish caught does not count for points or records, has in is in breach of rule No2.**

- GFAA rule 4. If a double line is used, the intent of the regulations is that the fish is to be fought on the single line for most of the time that it takes to land the fish.

**No4 / Layman Interpretation: The intent of this rule is that the fish must be hooked by the angler & is fought on the main line & not the double or leader. If the leader is grabbed by a mate while the angler has the reel in free spool it would be deemed in breach of the rule & will not count for points or records.**

- GFAA rule 5. The harness may be replaced or adjusted by a person other than the angler.

**No5 / Layman Interpretation: At no time should any other parts of the anglers equipment be touched i.e. any part of rod, reel or line, either on purpose or by accident, either would be deemed in breach of the rule & would not count for points or records.**



GFAA rule 6. Use of a rod belt or waist gimbal is permitted.

**No6 / Layman Interpretation: Same as rule no5. At no time should any other parts of the anglers equipment be touched i.e. any part of rod, reel or line, either on purpose or by accident, either would be deemed in breach of the rule & would not count for points or records.**

GFAA rule 7. When angling from a boat, once the leader is brought within the grasp of the mate, or the end of the leader is wound to the rod tip, more than one person is permitted to hold the leader.

**No7 / Layman Interpretation: Until the leader is in the hands of a mate, no part of the anglers equipment should be touched i.e. any part of rod, Reel, double or line, either on purpose or by accident, either would be deemed in breach of the rule & would not count for points or records.**

GFAA rule 8. One or more gaffers may be used in addition to persons holding the leader. The gaff handle must be in hand when the fish is gaffed.

**No8 / Layman Interpretation: Should be self explanatory**

GFAA rule 9. The Angling Rules and Equipment Regulations shall apply until a fish is weighed.

Quoted source Ref: ( [www.gfaa.asn.au](http://www.gfaa.asn.au) ) under : **DISQUALIFYING ACTS & SITUATIONS**

#### THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH:

1. Failure to comply with equipment or angling regulations.
2. The act of persons other than the angler touching any part of the rod, reel or line (including the double line), either bodily or with any device during the playing of the fish, or in giving any aid other than that allowed in the rules and regulations.  
If any obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle (whether berley, float line, rubber band or other material) shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by anyone other than the angler during this process.
3. Resting the rod in a rod holder, on the gunwale of the boat or any other object while playing the fish.
4. Hand lining or using a handline or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
5. Shooting, harpooning or lancing any fish (including sharks) at any stage of the catch.
6. Berleying with or using as bait the flesh, blood, skin or any other part of mammals other than hair or pork rind used in lures designed for trolling or casting.
7. Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of its normal ability to swim.
8. Changing the rod or reel while the fish is being played.
9. Splicing, removing or adding to the line while the fish is being played.
10. Intentionally foul-hooking a fish.
11. Catching a fish in a manner that the double line never leaves the rod tip.
12. Using a size or kind of bait that is illegal to possess.
13. Attaching the angler's line or leader to part of the boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
14. If a fish escapes before gaffing or netting and is recaptured by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules.
15. The act of any person touching any part of the leader when striking or hooking a fish.

#### THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS WILL DISQUALIFY A CATCH:

1. When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces the length of the tip below minimum dimensions or severely impairs its angling characteristics
2. Mutilation to the fish, prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals or pro-pellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. (Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries.) Any mutilation of the fish must be shown in a photograph and fully explained in a separate report accompanying the record application.
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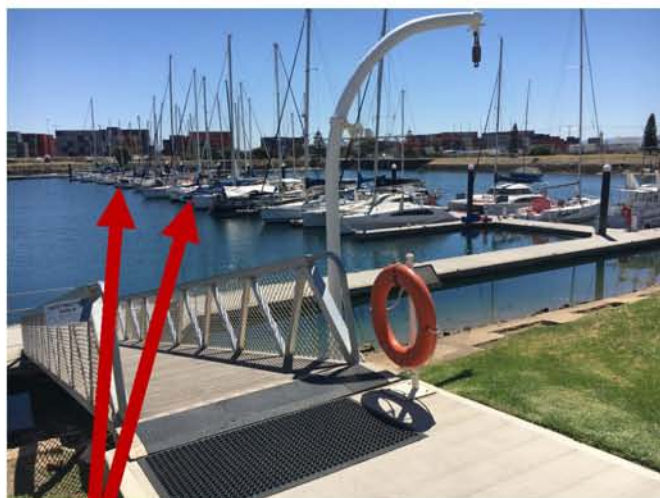


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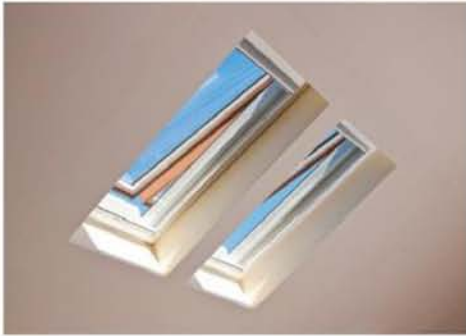
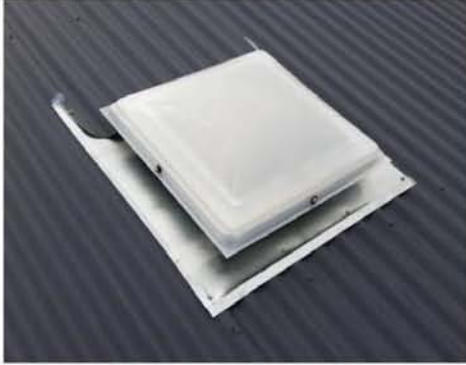


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# Winning tagtatics PART TWO

You have your tagpole, tags and your applicator. Now what? This month the team from Top Shot Tackle explain the on-water tactics of where to place the tag, how to deliver it, and when...

**W**hen talking about the optimum tagging target area (OTTA) of a fish (as shown right), it should be pointed out that the best approach to strike the tag home is always from the tail end of the fish. This action necessitates approaching the fish on a 15-25° angle and striking forward along the body of the fish towards the head.

While there are numerous reasons for this approach, there is one very important reason — one that anglers often fail to take into account when tagging a fish. Namely, the scales/skin on sharks and other gamefish are all angled in the same direction, similar to the tiles on the roof of your house.

However, unlike your roof, fish also have a protective coating over their surface, which protects them against bacteria and infections. This slimy coating reduces drag when moving through the water.

Taking into account the design of the skin/scale layout on a fish and the importance of the protective coating, we have serious reservations about tagging from a right angle to the fish or shark. This method of tagging is quite common when the fish or shark is alongside the boat.

To get the tag in using the right-angled approach requires a great deal of force. We often compare this method of tagging with trying to drive

a nail through a piece of timber that has been coated with a non-stick surface — not an easy task!

Anglers need to remember that the leading edges of the scales are angled backwards. Even the skin of the shark — which has fine, diamond-shaped points all over it, almost like sandpaper — angles back towards the tail. So trying to tag the fish or shark at a right angle is not a good method.

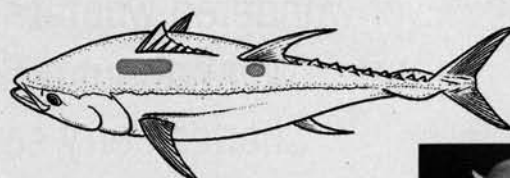
So the optimum placement of the tag should be up under the scales/skin, rather than trying to pierce the scales and skin with a right-angled approach. The preferred approach is from the tail section toward the head on a 15-25° angle. This method will dramatically improve the insertion of the tag, while reducing the force required to place the tag.

The action of the tag stick being used should resemble a snooker shot (a pushing or spearing action) toward the OTTA. It should not resemble a wood-chopping action from directly above the fish. This method can often result in faulty tag placement, a damaged needle and an overly traumatised fish.

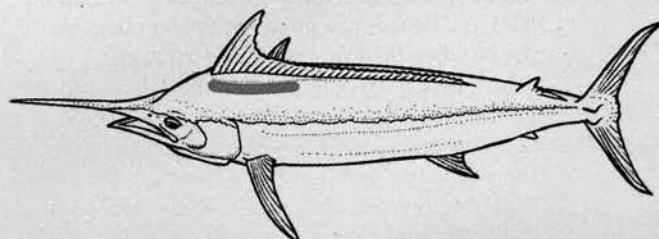
The correct type of tag insertion allows the tag streamer to lie alongside the fish or shark's body as opposed to the right-angled approach in which the streamer sticks out of the fish like a CB aerial. You may think that this would not make any difference to the fish. However, the streamer that is set at a right angle constantly vibrates as the fish swims through the water, aggravating the tag wound. Quite often, this inhibits the fish or shark's healing and causes the fish to reject the tag.

*Top left: The wrong way to tag a fish. Hitting the fish at right angles requires a lot of force for penetration and leaves the tag sticking out, which in turn produces more drag. Left: By angling the tagpole, the tag will penetrate easier and will lay along the fish's body causing less water pressure, less irritation and less likelihood of tag rejection.*

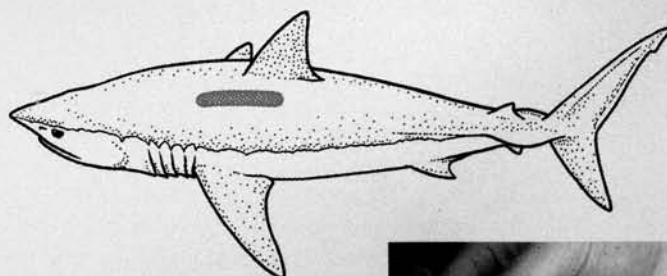
## TYPES OF TAGS AND OPTIMUM TAGGING TARGET AREAS



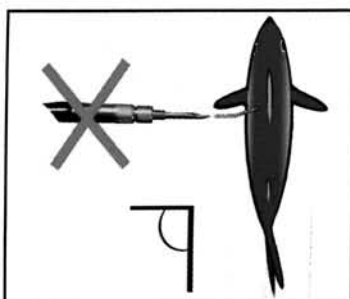
*This tag design is used for smaller fish species such as tuna, kingfish, salmon etc and is made of inert nylon with a single barb to be lodged in the bony structure of the dorsal fin area.*



*This is the new 'marlin only' tag which is based on the widely successful and world-renowned Billfish Foundation tag. This tag is designed for use on marlin and broadbill only. It also is made from inert nylon but with two barbs that will allow it to lodge under the skin and into the muscle structure of the fish. With a length of monofilament between the head and the streamer, it also lays along the billfish's body.*



*This tag design is for use on the larger fish species including sailfish and sharks. (Until the recent introduction of the 'marlin only' tag, it was also used on marlin.) This tag is made with a stainless steel blade that will act as a "T" barb when released into the muscle structure just under the skin of the fish or shark.*





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