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residents Report



Dear Members,



GFC of SA President Ralph Czabayski 2017/18

I would just like welcome everyone to the first edition of the pointer for season 2017/2018.

The season has started off slowly in regards to club recordings, but as we all know we are just coming out of winter so the recordings will now steadily increase. Up to now I would like to acknowledge our new sponsors.

Thanks again, to the yearly club sponsors who have again supporting our club for 2017/2018.

- Co-Platinum sponsor Trader Electrical & Strictly Business Boat Charters
- Gold sponsor Star Electrical
- Silver sponsor St Louis Age Care

Also, I would like to say thanks to all of the club's magazine advertisers this sort of support is what helps make it possible to produce the very high quality POINTER news Mag for our members.

The new committee is working very hard on all our up and coming events.

We just held our cockling day at Goolwa beach. What a great day it was. We had approximately 30 adults and plenty of kids attend. I would like to say a big thanks to Kym Gabe and Dale Smith for organising the day. They put on a great show. With great food. It was a brilliant day and a lot of club members have now got a good quantity of cockles for the new season.

Our two Christmas have been again great sucses.

I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

The club is in good shape financially with daily bills being our only outstanding debts.

Tight Lines,

Ralph Czabayski



Club Notice Board



Dec 2017

Dear members,

When you finally get around to reading this pointer, please take the time to check that your contact details are correct in the Clubs Directory (pages 43 to 47).

If they not please contact the club secretary Wayne Greenshields on

M.0433 250 610 or E-mail.slick82@live.com.au

Notice to members

The committee is looking for volunteers to fill positions that are now vacant or will be vacant soon

- A Committee man position is vacant now !
- The Club secretary position will be vacant soon, if anyone is willing to be involved, please contact:-Rolf Czabayski on M.0408 364 488





SAGFA Trophies Won by the GFCSA SAGFA SAGFA "Advertiser Cup Trophy" "Ian Guest Presidents Trophy"



(Past President *Left*)) Steve Morris with just one of trophies won by the club (*Right*) Ashley North accepting his GFAA trophies



Steve Morris at this years 2017 Xmass BBQ as past the president acting on behalf of current **GFCSA** president *Ralph Czabayski*. Announcing to members attending the event the acceptance on behalf of the club of three major State & National awards the club had won.

- The **G.F.A.A**. "**Bob Lowe Trophy**" from 2016-17 (For the most meritorious Tag & Release Achievement by a G.F.A.A. Affiliated Club in Australian Waters.) won by GFCSA.
- **SAGFA** state "Advertiser Interclub Tuna Cup Trophy" (*For most Tuna Tagged 2016-17 Season*) won by GFCSA.
- **SAGFA** The "**Ian Guest President Trophy**" *Most GFAA Species Tagged and Released by a Club per active Anglers.* won by GFCSA.

Congratulations to all anglers in the club that recorded fish last season, that's what helped the club achieve the winning of these Trophies. Well done!

He also Presented to club member Ashley North two GFAA National Trophies That he had won as as one of our club angler.

• The John & Anne Brooker Trophy

Awarded to the Angler who tagged and released the most SBF Tuna in Australian waters.

• The Neil Patrick Trophy

Awarded to the Angler who tagged and released the most other gamefish in Australian waters. (As seen in Photo)

The 75 Year History of The Game Fishing Club of S.A. if not contact Club Secretary Rolf Czabayski on M. 0408 364 488 members will be intituled to obtain one copy at a cost of \$50.00 none members & any additional copies will be at a cost of \$60.00

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Freasurers Report



GFC of SA Treasurer Steve White 2017/18

12 November 2017

All members – GFCSA

Financial Overview of the Club

The Club experienced a reduction in membership this year, which recently saw about a dozen members have their memberships cancelled after not paying the annual fees that were due in June and the Port Lincoln Blue Water Classic lacked a sponsor, so revenues for the financial year to date are down about 15% on last year at the same point.

Clubroom rent is considerably down on last year - this may be due to the development of the site or slow billing by RSAYS. Expenses are lower across the board, so that despite the drop in revenues, year to date surplus is currently in excess of last year's.

Receivables are currently at \$8,100 which is largely from the recent issue of advertising and sponsorship invoices and it is envisaged that these will all be paid in due course.

Other than day to day running costs, the Club has no financial liabilities, except for the development of the Club room site.

Year to date receipts total more than \$46,000 compared to \$54,000 last year. Total expenses at mid-November are \$18,000 compared to \$\$29,000 last year. Surplus is currently \$29,242 compared to \$24,674.

Detailed Club financial information may be obtained by contacting the Club Secretary Wayne Greenshields, Rolf Czabayski or myself.

Stephen White Treasurer GFCSA



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Club Weight Recorder Ashley North 2017/18

WEIGHT RECORDERS REPORT

Hi everyone

I would first like to start by thanking Wayne on his service to the club over the past few years as weight recorder, what an excellent job you have done and I know I will have some big shoes to fill. Good luck with your new position as club secretary.

- Well we are almost half way through the season and I have had a good spread of fish being caught so far however majority of them are none line class, tag and releases. Hopefully with the improvement in the weather and holidays coming up, everyone will get the opportunity to get out fishing and score a few points.
- We have recently had a few challenges finish up for this season being the All Water Challenge, Salmon Tagging Challenge, Eagle Ray/ Kingfish Double Challenge and the Shark Only Challenge. The results will be available on our clubs website shortly, and I apologise that they are not up yet as I have had a very busy few months.

If you have any enquiries or require more tag cards please send me an email or contact me via mobile. Cheers Ash Club Weight Recorder

Over All Captures Listing Report							
Anglers Name	Species	Boat Name	Category	Weight	Line Class	Division	Criteria
Shaun Ossitt	Kingfish	Overjew	U25	28kg	24kg	Mens	H & MM
Mark Kassebaum	Sampson	Longshot	O25	28.60kg	10kg	Mens	H & MM
Lee Van Soeat	Gummy Shark	Micks Winch	U25	9kg	3kg	Ladies	H & MM
Jerry Burtt	Snapper	Micks Winch	U26	5.10kg	4kg	Mens	H & MM

Over 25tt Ceterory						
Over 25ft Category						
Boat Name		Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points		
Broadbill		0	800	800		
Longshot		286	0	286		
Anglers Name	Division	Capture Points	Tag points	Total Points		
Raymond Rankin	Mens	0	350	350		
Graham Bald	Mens	0	350	350		
Mark Kassebaum	Mens	286	0	286		
	25ft & Unde	r Category				
Boat Name		Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points		
Overjew		116.67	1400	1516.67		
Micks Winch		532.5	0	532.5		
Snig Rig		0	250	250		
Anglers Name	Division	Capture Points	Tag points	Total Points		
Shaun Ossitt	Mens	116.67	1400	1516.67		
Lee Van Soest	Ladies	300	0	300		
Michael Plakakis	Mens	0	250	250		
Landbased						
Anglers Name	Division	Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points		
Jason D'Angelo	Mens	0	150	150		

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WEIGHT RECORDERS REPORT

Results for the All Water Challenge 29/7/2017 - 26/8/2017

	Over 25ft Categ	ory Highest Tag Poir	nt Scoring Ang	ler	
Angler Name	Division		Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
Raymond Rankin	Mens		0	350	350
Graham Bald	Mens		0	350	350
Rolf Czabayski	Mens		0	100	100
	25ft & Under Cate	gory Highest Tag Po	oint Scoring An	gler	
Angler Name	Division		Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
No recordings					
	Over 25ft	Category Point Sco	ring Angler		
Angler Name	Division		Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
Raymond Rankin	Mens		0	350	350
Graham Bald	Mens		0	350	350
Rolf Czabayski	Mens		0	100	100
	25ft & Unde	er Category Point Sc	oring Angler		
Angler Name	Division		Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
No recordings					
	Over 25ft	Highest Tag Point So	coring Boat		
Boat Name	Division		Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
Broadbill			0	800	800
	25ft & Unde	r Highest Tag Point	Scoring Boat		
Boat Name	Division		Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
No recordings					
	Over 25ft Ca	tegory Highest Point	Scoring Boat		
Boat Name	Division		Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
Broadbill			0		800
	25ft & Under	Category Highest Po	int Scoring Bo	at	
Boat Name	Division		Capture Points	Tag Points	Total Points
No recordings			0	9	
Challenge Crit	teria:- Most Capt	ured Species Record	led by a Boat C	Over 25ft Cat	egorv
Angler Name	Division	-	Capture Points		Total Points
No recordings			0		0
Challenge Crite	ria:- Most Captur	ed Species Recorde	d by a Boat 25	ft & Under Ca	ategory
Angler Name	Division	-	Capture Points		Total Points
No recordings			0		0
Challenge	Criteria:- Most Ca	aptured Species Rec	orded by <u>an Ar</u>	ngler Over 2	5ft
Boat Name	Division	Tag Points	Capture Points		Total Points
No Captures recordings			0		0
Challenge Criteria	a :- Mo <u>st Capture</u>	d Species Recorded	by an Angler 2	5ft & Under	Category
Angler Name	Division	-	Capture Points		Total Points
No Captures recordings			0		0

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WEIGHT RECORDERS REPORT

Results for	Results for Eagle Ray/ Kingfish Double Challenge 29/9/2017-29/10/2017					
	Over 25ft Category Anglers Scores					
Angler Name	Division		Captures	Tag Points	Total Points	
No recordings						
		25ft & Under Categ	ory Anglers S	cores		
Angler Name	Division		Captures	Tag Points	Total Points	
Shaun Ossitt	Mens		116.67	1400.00	1516.67	
		Over 25ft Ca	ategory			
Boat Name			Captures	Tag Points	Total Points	
No recordings						
		25ft & Under	Category			
Boat Name			Captures	Tag Points	Total Points	
Overjew			116.67		1516.67	
	Challen	ge Criteria:- Most N	Meritorious Ea	gle Ray		
Anglers Name	Division	Category	Line Class	Weight	Ratio	
No recordings						
	Challer	nge Criteria:- Most	Meritorious Ki	ngfish		
Anglers Name	Division	Category	Line Class	Weight	Ratio	
Shaun Ossitt	Mens	25ft & Under	24kg	28kg	1.167 to1	
	Cha	allenge Criteria:- He	eaviest Eagle F	Ray		
Anglers Name	Division	Category	Line Class	Weight	Total Points	
No recordings						
	Ch	allenge Criteria:- F	leaviest Kingfi	sh		
Anglers Name	Division	Category	Line Class	Weight	Total Points	
Shaun Ossitt	Mens	25ft & Under	24kg	28kg	116.67	

Shark Only Challenge 29/9/2017-29/10/2017						
		Angl	ers Scores			
Angler Name	Division	Category		Tag Points	Total Points	
Lee Van Soest	Ladies	U25		0	300	
Jason D'Angelo	Mens	LB		150	150	
		Over 2	25ft Category			
Boat Name				Tag Points	Total Points	
No recordings						
25ft & Under Category						
Boat Name				Tag Points	Total Points	
Micks Winch				0	300	
	Cha	allenge Criteria	Most Meritorious Shark			
Anglers Name	Division	Category	Line Class	Ratio		
No recordings						
	Challenge Criteria Heaviest Shark					
Anglers Name	Division	Category	Line Class	Weight		
No recordings						

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ag Types & What to use them on

GFAA Eligible Gamefish Species - Tag & Release

Albacore Thunnus alalunga

Amberjack Seriola dumerilii

Barracuda Sphyraena spp.

Bonito Sarda spp.

Broadbill ** Xiphias gladius

Cobia Rachycentron canadum

Eagle Ray Myliobatis australis

Kingfish (yellowtail) Seriola Ialandi (70cm minimum size)

Mackerel, broad barred Scomberomorus semifasciatus

Mackerel, narrow barred Scomberomorus commerson

Mackerel, shark Grammatorcynus bicarinatus

Mackerel, spotted Scomberomorus spp.

Mahi Mahi (dolphinfish) Coryphaena spp. Marlin, black ** Makaira indica

Marlin, Pacific blue ** Makaira nigricans

Marlin, Striped ** Tetrapturus audax

Rainbow Runner Elagtis bipinnulatus

Sailfish ** Istiophorus platypterus

Samson fish Seriola hippos

Queenfish Scomberoides spp.

Shark, blue * Prionace glauca

Shark, gummy * Mustelus antarcticus

Shark, hammerhead * Sphyrna spp.

Shark, mako * Isurus spp.

Shark, porbeagle * Lamna nasus

Shark, school (tope) * Galeorhinus galeus Shark, thresher * Alopias spp.

Shark, tiger * Galeocerdo cuvier

Shark, whaler * Carcharinus spp.

Spearfish ** Tetrapturus spp.

Trevally, big eye Caranx sexfasciatus

Trevally, giant Caranx ignobilis

Trevally, gold spot Carangoides fulvoguttatus

Trevally, golden Gnathanodon speciosus

Tuna, bigeye Thunnus obesus

Tuna, bluefin Thunnus thynnus orientalis

Tuna, dogtooth Gymnosarda unicolor

Tuna, longtail Thunnus tonggol

Tuna, mackerel (kawa kawa) Euthynnus affinis

Tuna, skipjack Katsuwonus pelamis

Tuna, southern bluefin

Thunnus maccoyii

Tuna, yellowfin Thunnus albacares

Wahoo Acanthocybium solandri

BY STATE

South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia (south of the Tropic of Capricorn) ONLY

Trevally, silver *** Pseudocaranx dentex (35cm minimum size)

Snapper *** Pagrus auratus (40cm minimum size)

Salmon, Australian *** Arripis trutta (40cm minimum size)

Mulloway (Jewfish) Argyrosomus japonicus

NOTES:

All species must be a minimum of 60cm in length except sharks & where specified above

- All Sharks [*] are to be tagged with the Metal Shark Tag and must be a minimum of 100cm In Length

Billfish [**] are to be tagged with the Billfish tag

- Species marked with [***] are to be tagged with the small pelagic gamefish tag
- JUNIOR TOURNAMENT Maximum of 5 tagged fish of any one species to be entered on any one day

	TYPES of TAGS
Small Pelagic Tag	
Large Pelagic Tag	Commence and the second
Metal Shark Tag	
Billfish Tag	

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Port Lincoln X-Mass Party 201

First I like to say Thank you, to the Club Members, Ralph & Susan C, Kym Kessner, Ben & Jane Gerrits & Rolf who went from Adelaide to Port Lincoln to arrange and set up for the Party, and big thank you to Ralph and Susan who made their House available for this venue. The Weather and the location for the day were fantastic. The Music was organised by Ralph from his Boat " Spartacus", Bay the way we had no Visits from the Police to turn the Music Down a tad.

The President (Ralph) made a welcome Speech and thanked all those Members for the donation for this event and all Sponsors of the Club.



Thank you to Peter Teakle of "Peter Teakle Wines" in Port Lincoln came by and donated 1doz of Red and 1doz of White of his wines,

Thank you to Tim Forster for again lending the club his Spit, preparing and cooking the donated Pig from Club member Jason Stephenson of Port Lincoln.

All Members with their Kids who attended had a fantastic time and a good feed of Pork and Crackle. Long time member John Werner who lives next door was not able to attend because of his heath but we did not let him miss out on the X- Mass Meal, John get well soon. Ron and Janet Forster with grandchild Zoe came over by boat to join the Party.

Ron Forster (Calypso Star Charter and Team) donated out of the Blue a Shark trip "Dive with the Great White Sharks "so Ralph organised quickly a raffle, what was not planed, Ralph got a book of Raffle tickets and there where quickly sold, the Winner of the raffle was Paul Morris brother of Steve Morris, who I am sure will enjoy this fantastic price on the day in company of many Great White Sharks. We raised for the Club \$450-00 thank you again to all.

Thanks to Kim Kessner, Father X-Mass arrived around 3-30pm with a bag of presents for the Members Children up to 12 Years old ,Kids where all very excited and loved every minute playing on the grounds.

Marry X-Mass and a nice New Year to All.

Rolf

Committee









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Port Lincoln X-Mass Party 2017



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All set up a waiting for farther Christmas



















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All the kids enjoyed having their faces painted up for the day



Father Christmas arrives& get ready to go at it.

Father Christmas arrives By boat and the kids all get involved in his arrival, hoping to get in first with the Prezzies.









Big Thanks to Kym Kessner For doing a Great Job on the day





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- In early September we planed a trip for 6 days to Cairns fishing for black marlin. There was four of us, Ralph Czabayski, Kym Kessner, Brett (Bob) Kessner and Greg Cunningham. My three mates Kym, Bob and Greg had never caught a black marlin. So, I was travelling with three virgins. This could be an interesting trip.
- **On** this particular trip we were fishing on a 44 foot **"Assegi"** called **"Levente"**, skippered by Chris Miles known as (Sharky). At night time we stayed on "**Beluga"** a 120 foot mothership. You could say we spoiled ourselves with our nightly accommodation. Let me tell you what an experience it was on the mother ship.
- We were looked after very well by all the crew. They even did our washing, jocks and all. The meals and service was outstanding and I would recommend the **"Beluga"** highly to anyone who would like to hire a mother ship. The four of us felt like royalty aboard these highly recommend vessels.



Mothership Beluga" with "Levente",

- We flew to Cairns and then caught a 12 seater plane to Cook Town where we met Sharky and his two crew Connor and Zane. We loaded our luggage on to "Leventi" and headed straight out to the outer reef to the marlin grounds. We were all very excited. The trip to the outer reef took about two hours. While we were on our way we discussed our fishing strategies. We decided that Kym could take the first strike followed by me then Greg and lastly Bob. We decided to be on strike for half an hour each, alternating every half an hour for each day.
- We started trolling around 10:30am and we were all very excited waiting for a marlin to take one of our baits. Connor and Zane went through with us all what to do if a marlin strikes. They told us how to get the rod and real from the gunwale to the game chair *(which is no easy task when a fish on the other end is taking line off with about 12kg of drag)*. We all took it in and were then just waiting for a strike. Of course, while we were all waiting we had to have one or two beers. I must admit I had trouble keeping up with the boys as they had set a cracking pace of drinking one beer after the other. For some reason I was feeling a bit sea sick. I could only put it down to the man flue I was just getting over. The boys told me to "harden up" and have another beer. Anyway, in the late afternoon Kym was on strike and a marlin struck the centre right and Kym made his way to the chair. 20 minutes later he had released a 250lb black marlin. He was so excited as it was his first black marlin. We had no more strikes for the day, so we headed off to the mother ship.
- As you can imagine we all had first night fever and got a bit loose, we had a great first night on the mothership "Beluga". We got up on day 2 feeling a little bit shady. We had breakfast and then headed out on Levente for our days fishing.
- We started bait fishing and then went to the marlin grounds and started trolling. The fishing was a little slow with no sightings of marlin. The sea was calm with a possible 1-2 metre swell. I cannot believe I felt sick again. This time I made myself sick and burleyed over board. As you can imagine I got a bit of grief from the boys. Anyway at 4:20pm I was on strike and this huge marlin struck the skipping bait at an incredible speed. I heard Sharky yell out,

"Ralphy this is the one we have been waiting for! It's going to be keeper".



- I quickly grabbed the rod out of the gunwale and made my way to the chair. Once I was seated one of the boys clipped harness to the rod and reel. The marlin was going crazy one jump after the other and then it went deep, but it eventually came back up again. We all thought and hope it would weigh over 1000 pounds.
- We finally got it to the boat and the deckies sunk the flying gaffs into the beautiful fish. After the fourth gaff went in, we knew it was secure. The next job was to get it into the boat before the sharks arrived.



We got it a board and a made some measurements, we all thought it should make 1000 pounds.

I was ecstatic my first possible black marlin grander. We went back to the mothership and weighed our fish.



We could not believe our eyes, it weighed 1,111 pounds a massive 506Kg. As you can imagine we celebrated into the early hours of the morning.

- **Day 3** Started off very slow as you can imagine we did not go fishing until about 11am. We decided that Greg was going to go on strike till he caught a marlin and then it was Bob's turn and then we would start back off with Kym again and so on. Sure enough it wasn't until the end of the day but a marlin struck the bait and Greg was now in action. He fished well and the marlin was at the back of the boat within 10 minutes. One of the deckies tagged the marlin and then cut the line to release the fish. It was estimated at about 200lb. Greg was over the moon, his first black marlin tagged and released. The beers were flowing and the party started once again. There were no more strikes on the day so once again we went back to our mother ship and relaxed, had dinner and a few more drinks and then went to bed.
- **Day 4** This day was Bob's turn to be start on strike. Can you believe it, we had no strikes on day 4. We were all very disappointed. No action at all for the day. Yes, you got it the beers were still flowing. We went back to the mother ship and did the same as the night before.
- **Day 5** Bob was still on strike and late in the day we had a strike. Yes, it was a black marlin approximately 500lb. It was a good fish. Bob burst into top gear and had the fish to the back of the boat within about 20 minutes and then the fish was released. Bob was so excited as he thought he might have been the only one not to get a marlin on the trip. As you can imagine he revved up brother Kym and good mate Greg saying that his fish was bigger than their's. The drinks were once again flowing and there was another night of celebrations aboard the **"Beluga"**.
- **Day 6** started and we said goodbye to all the crew on "**Beluga**". It was sad as we moved away on Levente. But we still had one more days fishing before we had to head home. Unfortunately we had no strikes. We headed back to Cairns and said thanks to Sharky and the boys for looking after us.

We all went out to dinner that night for our final goodbye celebrations. We had a great meal at the bar and grill and then drinks at the yacht club.

What a trip, I still can't believe I had finally caught my dream fish a 1,111lb black marlin, after many years of chase one it was still very unexpected.

What a great trip with three great mates.

By Ralph Czabayski

Tight Lines,

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Sunday forecast for our Clubs Cockle Day Event was light winds, warm and sunny. I had arranged for club member Paul Tobin to pick me up from my home on his way thru.

Paul arrived in very good spirits with his 4 Wheel drive loaded with rags and buckets, well before our arranged time and we headed off, we arrived in Goolwa about 9-45am we were the first ones there, my Daughter Dianne and Friend Ray had only just left home to meet us there.

Legally the law allows 300 cockles per person with a maximum of 900 cockles per vehicle with 3 people on board.

Paul and I went down onto the beach with his 4 Wheel Drive for about 1 km and start to set up our camp site, after this was completed we unloaded our cockle gear and buckets walked into the water and started doing the so called cockle twist in the sand, was not long before we hit the jack pot and loaded up our limit of Cockle, other members started to arrive.

Peter and Stuart Donaldson also arrived with their families set up their gear and joint in even entertaining us with some storeys from the old good days.

Our President Ralph arrived with his family and other friends of the Club it was not long before Ralph and his team had a couple of Marquis, chairs and the esky fully loaded with club drinks were in place .





The time went by so quick.

I could now smell the Sausages cooking as they sizzled on the hot plate, Kym, Dale and Ashley were in full swing on the BBQ going for it! With a lot of helpers hanging on.



I remember very well that Peter enrolled his Son Stuart as soon as he was born, a very long time ago now, sorry Stuart.

We all asked each other, who is that coming along the beach with a trailer? It was none other than Kym Gabe and family loaded up with all of the BBQ stuff, followed close behind by Dale and Ashley who had all of the Salads and Sausages, eta---.

More members arrived with their kids, joining in with the cockle hunting, some got out a bit to deep and got a few waves breaking over them.





Ounces all the of the buckets full.

- We all started the counting and measuring of each cockle to make sure they where all for legal size before bagging them in nice big plastic zip bag.
- Everyone did this and it all looked very professional to me.







Lunch was now ready and everyone came over into the marquis out of the sun, all the ladies prepared the tables with plates of Salads, Bread, spices and the good old sauces, everyone enjoyed a very nice feed of various sausages, salads and obviously the parents had their few Beers the kids enjoyed a variety of Soft drinks that where on offer, all supplied by the club.

About 4 O'clock members started to pack up their gear preparing for the trip home back to Adelaide.

A big thanks to all those committee members who organised this event, please put it on the next year's event calendar again as we all had a wonderful time and I hope members who were not there will make a big effort to join in next time.



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New Clubrooms Information to all Members



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I would like to give you all a brief update on the status of our new Club rooms that we are looking to build, we have had a small setback in regards to its location on the RAYS grounds, first we were given to believe we would get to locate the rooms on land on the North Site of the marina basin next to the Boat Ramp, by demolishing and rebuilding on the RSAYS Junior rooms site, but the Juniors objected to been moved back to our old rooms along side the Main Building complex for various reasons, only know to them.

- The RSAYS committee decided to adhere to their wishes but in good faith to agreed arrangement gave to us a second alterative proposal was offered i.e. To consider staying were we are located now, demolishing our old rooms to build our new 2 storey Clubrooms there (See Plans) in doing so offered us a little bit more area to work with at no extra charge, the building would attached to and blend into the exciting RSAYS Building.
- As I had already been in contact previously with many members to help with the demolish of this first Building site that was offered but now will not be needed for a while as the time line for this new proposal has changed our projection a little, so thanks to all those members who volunteered but I will be in contact with those all of those members again once we get our new lease signed by the RSAYS and the building approval in hand and ready to Start. Our building plans have been redrawn again to suite this new location and copies were given to the RSAYS on the 14/11/17 for assessment and approval.
- Many of you members would know, we as a club have been saving up and working towards this possibility for the last 35 years and now we are very close to fulfilling this ambition.
- I would like to thank, a very good well known member of our club, **Frank Bamford** for his help in arranging the negotiation with the RSAYS committee.
- A big thank you must also go a number of members that have helped in this ongoing process.
- Long time life member **George Flourentzou** (*of Distinctive Homes*) who organized to get the plans drawn up for both the first & second time free of any charges.
- **Russel Bianco** (*of Bianco Precast*) who supplied the first calculation and engineering quotes for the first site building also free of any charges and I am sure he will help again on this new site project.
- Although not required or necessary any more my thanks to members **Andrew and David Mc Mahon** who were willing to remove all the asbestos from this first building site for no charge but I will be in contact with Andrew and David for their help and assistance with the demolition of our exciting small clubroom we are in now.
- After speaking to former club member **Gordon Samarzia**, he has offered his help with his truck and heavy equipment. I have been in constant contact with various members of our club who have businesses, re assistance Towards helping with this new building.
- **Ralph Czabayski** (*Star Electrical*) is willing to perform all Electrical installations required with the help of some electricians who are also club members, all free of charge.
- **Fred Tischendorf** (*of Tischendorf Plumbing*) is will to help and assist with the plumbing requirements, also free of charge.
- John Nicholls and Tom Giles (of Crane Services) will supply us with a crane required for the lifting of materials and steel erection etc, free of charge.
- I will acting site manager, overseeing the running of the building schedules and time frames as well as helping were needed, free of charge.
- Any members who can assist or help in anyway will be appreciated, please contact: Rolf Czabayski on 0408364488, or E-Mail <u>rolf@esc.net.au</u>.
- Once the lease has been approved accepted and signed with all required building approvals received. We will keep you informed of the ongoing status and progress with this long awaited endeavour .
 - Thank You: Rolf Czabayski Life Member



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Rolf Czabayski (Snr) South Australian IGFA Representative

Nehl Horton New IGFA President

Hi All,

Nehl Horton the new President of the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA) is now in Charge of IGFA after retirement of former IGFA President Rob Kramer who has been nearly 15 Years in Office.

Nehl has the passion, skills and experience to take IGFA to a new level of success and we all wishing him the best in his new role as IGFA President.

About the International Game Fishing Association,

Was Founded in 1939,the IGFA is a non profit organisation and is best known for conservation efforts of fisheries, educational progress, rule-making and for maintaining Worldwide Game Fish Records in Freshwater, Saltwater, Fly Fishing and Juniors angler Categories. IGFA Members are located in over 125 Countries.

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- 4) Some fish farms are termed ranches and instead of raising fish from eggs, they take large numbers of fish from the wild to grow them larger. This practice has contributed to the depletion of wild stocks of both eels and blue fin tuna.
- 5) Catfish and tilapia can be raised on diets with very little or no fishmeal or oil.
- 6) As an alternative to wild fish, some farms use alternative feeds that contain soy, grains, and by products of seafood and livestock.
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PATCHES FOR TAG & RELEASE GFAA Tag & Release patches are available to anglers who qualify

- · Tag & release of five fish of three separate species, including as follows:
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- serial numbers of tag and card submitted to NSW State Fisheries; 2. dates of tag & release;

- 4. cheque for \$11.00 (incl. GST) for issue of patch. Applications for Tag & Release patches must be submitted through the angler's club. Note: no certificate will be issued.



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- Merit pins may be awarded to anglers for captures made in Australian waters and recorded in each of the various line classes
- GFAA shall design and control the issue of such Capture merit according to the tables (A & B) pins, which shall be engraved with the initials GFAA and be symbolic
- of the fish for which the award is made. Club secretaries shall, by the authority of GFAA, order and distribute Capture merit pins to club members who have submitted to them a written application supported by relevant Capture and

MEFISH	MERIT PINS	(Table A)		Merit kg
ine class kg	Bronze kg	Silver kg	Gold kg	8
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ARK MERIT PINS

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3	12 16	18	32 48	64 96
6	24 32	36 48	64 80	128
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(Table B)

Weight Recording Certificates. State branches shall advise GFAA by 15th July each year of the number of each type of Capture merit

Only one Capture merit pin for each species and for each line class pin so distributed. may be issued to any one angler during any single year ending 30th June.

It is recommended that Capture merit pins be presented at club annual

general meetings, trophy presentation evenings or similar occasions. The cost of the Capture merit pins shall be borne by the angler.

Note to club secretaries: to order Capture merit pins, contact Mackays Jewellers, PO Box 1113, Toowoomba, QLD 4352; Tel/Fax (07) 4630 8737; Mob 0419 709 229.

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Club Social BBQ

April: RSAYS Lawns. Details TBA

Club Social Bowling Night

May: Norwood Bowling Club. Details TBA



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Dec 2017 YEARLY TOURNAMENT CALENDER

Glossary =>	Division = (Men's, Ladies, jur Section = (Highest Points, Ta	agging, Capture, Heaviest, Most Meritorious etc) Fish, Sharks & Eagle Rays combined)
GFCSA 2	017 2018 FISHI	ING EVENTS CARACTER
TOURNAMENTS & CHALLENGES DATES:		CATEGORIES:
Tuna / Snapper Double Challenge Starts: 0700 15 Dec 2017 Ends: 2359 28 Jan 2018	Most Meritorious:- Heaviest:- Highest Point Scoring:	& Under, All Categories, All Divisions, Tuna & Snapper Only Tuna, Snapper Boats & Anglers ring:- Boats & Anglers GFAA Equipment rules apply!
WIRRINA TOURNAMENT 2018 Based from Wirrina - Fishing Boundaries to be decided at briefing.	Thursday 15th: Briefing Friday 16th: Start Fih Saturday 17th: Start Fihi Sunday 18th: Start Fihi	becies, All Categories & All Divisions 1930hrs at (Wirrina Marina/Boat Ramp area) ing / Lines in 0700hrs Stop fishing / Lines out 1900hrs ing / Lines in 0700hrs Stop fishing / Lines out 1900hrs ing / Lines in 0700hrs> Stop fishing will be up to crew NOTE handed into Weight Recorder at Wirrina Base by 1700hrs
No requirement to return to base Fri and Sat nights. **Return to Wirrina Base Sunday Night Mandatory Starts: 15th Feb 2018 Ends: 18th Feb 2018	Most Meritorious:- Heaviest:- Highest Point Scoring: Highest Tag Point Scor	ring:- Boat & Angler GFAA Equipment rules apply!
Land Based Challenge Starts: 0700 03 Mar 2018 Ends: 2359 01 Apr 2018	Most Meritorious:- Heaviest:-	
PETER TEAKLE WINES - Blue Water Classic TOURNAMENT 2018 Tournament Base 'Memory Cove' Starts: (Briefing Sat) Sat 7th April 2018 Ends: (Presentation) Fri 13th April 2018	All Line Classes, All Catego Rules,	ries & All Divisions GFAA Fish species Sharks & Eagle Rays Times and Criteria to be issued at the briefing GFAA Equipment rules apply! (Presentation Dinner 13th April)
All Waters 'Ultra Light' Challenge Starts: 0700 29 Jul 2018 Ends: 2359 27 Aug 2018	Heaviest / Most Merit Highest Point Scoring:	& Under, All Categories, All GFAA Species & All Divisions to rious Species Over All: For each Line Class up to 6kg - Boats & Anglers ring:- Boats & Anglers GFAA Equipment rules apply!
GFCSA - SOCIAL EVENTS		
Club Social BBQ day	Wed 28th Feb 2018 April 2018 - TBA May 2018 - TBA	At the GFCSA clubrooms RSAYS Lawns - Details TBA Norwood Bowling - Details TBA
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After months of waiting it was finally time! **Majesnik** - our new 52ft enclosed flybridge Riviera was ready! We flew into Brisbane and jumped in a cab off to the Riviera factory in Coomera. There she was, sparking in the Gold cost sun. Paul from Riviera was there to greet us in true Riviera style - with a bottle of Moët.



We had spent months looking at charts, reading books and gathering information from people in anticipation of the trip to Hamilton Island.

We were ready - but the weather wasn't. It was blowing 25-30 knots. To make matters worse a sand bar had started to form across the Gold Coast seaway so we were going to have to make the long journey up the Coomera River.

The first few hours were very slow, navigating through the river was testing with shallow waters and irregular sand bars. Once out the river we went through Morton bay. It was blowing 25knots but Morton island was protecting us from the wind so it was quite comfortable. Mooloolaba was our first stop. We tied up, got the power connected and had a beer to celebrate our successful first leg.

Our next journey was one that we had been warned about by many people. Wide Bay Bar! The Wide bay bar has a reputation for being one of the most dangerous on the Queensland coast because of the length of the crossing (over 3nm), its distance offshore, the length of time it takes for the rescue crews to reach and then the bar and the effects weather conditions have on the seas thereabouts.

We checked the weather at Mooloolaba and after consulting with some people with local knowledge we decided to hold out for a few days and wait it out for the weather too clear up. Mooloolaba is beautiful. A short walk from the marina are shops, cafes and restaurants with a beautiful view over the bay.



It had been three days of anxiously waiting for the weather to clear up. It wasn't happening. We had to be in Hamilton island within the next 8 days as we had friends that had already booked there flights. We couldn't wait any longer and there wasn't a brake in the weather so we had to opt for the other option of going around Fraser Island. There was one positive though, we didn't have to go through Wide Bay bar.

We plotted the course and decided we were going to try to make it all the way to Lady Musgrave Bay, which was 200nm away. Winds were gusting to 35kn and seas were over 2 meters.

We decided that it wasn't going to be the first time that **Majesnik** was going to see this type of weather so we were going to put her to the test. She handled beautifully. Lady Musgrave island is a coral cay with a lagoon. Green and loggerhead turtles were everywhere.

We pulled the tender down in the crystal clear waters to explore the island where the turtles nest and enjoyed a drink on the beach. We decided to have an easy day the next day. We did the 70kn miles into Gladstone to refuel and get some supplies.

From Gladstone we decided to go to the Keppel Bay and stay the night at The Great Keppel island. We tried a bit of trolling around some lumps but had no luck.

- The next day we headed for West Bay on Middle Percy Island, the home of the famous A-frame yachties shelter. It become a must-do stop for Queensland coastal cruisers.
- The blinding white sand beach, palm trees, hammock and yachting memorabilia entice people from all over the world to stop in there .
- We added our piece of memorabilia and explored the lagoon. The channel to the lagoon completely dries out at low tide. It feels like you are in two completely different places. We had the most beautiful sunset that night.





We were making good time so even though we could have made it to Hamilton Island the next day, we chose to stop at Keswick and St Bees Island.

We ate dinner with the resident sea eagle, who seemed to like our barbecue as much as we did.

We had 45nm of our journey left. We were so excited to get to Hamilton Island, we did the trip in just over an hour and a half.

We had a lovely lovely trip, although we didn't catch any fish, we were always taken back by the beautiful scenery and wildlife.

Look out for next issue of The Pointer and we will tell you all about exploring the Whitsunday Islands.

Happy Boating! Russ and Gab



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SALMON, AUSTRALIAN

Scientific name *Arripis trutta* (Eastern species), *Arripis truttacea* (Western species) Also known as Salmon, black back, cocky salmon, colonial salmon, kahawai. Salmon trout and bav trout. (iuveniles).



Range There are now generally accepted to be two different species. The eastern

species extends from Tweed Heads to Port Phillip Bay and including Tasmania, but is not common north of Sydney. The Western species extends from Kalbarri in Western Australia around the south coast to Lakes Entrance in Victoria, but is rare north of Yanchep lagoon. The range and abundance is linked to commercial netting and current strength on the east and west coast with strong southerly currents keeping the stocks further south. In some years, few salmon make it to the west coast or into NSW waters.

Description These 'salmon' species are not related to true trout and salmon in the family Salmonidae and are more closely related to the mullets. Both Australian salmon species are very similar, with the only difference being that the western species has fewer gill rakers and reaches a larger maximum size, 9 kg for western fish and 7 kg for eastern fish. In both cases, the larger fish are more commonly found at the northern end of the range as the fish undergo spawning migrations, reaching their northernmost points in late winter on the east coast and around Easter on the west coast. Very small salmon are often confused with Australian herring (tommy rough) but juvenile herring have black tips to the caudal fin and the body feels rough to a finger slid along the body, while the salmon feels smooth. The forked tail of adult salmon is dark, and the eye is generally yellow. The body is classically torpedo shaped and full of power. The head is quite large, and the mouth moderately large. There are distinctive brown dots or dashes along the dorsal surface although the larger specimens become dark across the back. The belly is silvery to white.

Fishing The Australian salmon is one of the best light tackle sportsfish in Australia. They are the best fighting fish taken from the beach, where their strong runs and spectacular leaps more than compensate for the average eating quality. Australian salmon form large schools as they move around the coasts, making them vulnerable to commercial fishing. There is little doubt that commercial fishing can affect local abundance and recreational fishing quality. These schools can provide spectacular fishing, but on occasions these schooling fish will not feed. Australian salmon are frequently caught on pilchards and cut baits, with belly fillets or baits with white skin attached doing better. Pipis, cockles and beach worms take many fish and can really surprise an unsuspecting whiting fisherman. In estuaries, salmon trout are often taken on whitebait, blue bait, prawns or squid. When Australian salmon are heavily fished, live bait will entice a strike when the freshest baits fail. The bite of the salmon is frequently quite fumbling and some patience is required before setting the hook. Australian salmon bite well on cast or trolled lures. Chrome spoons or slices, feather lures, surface poppers and minnow lures work well and are underutilised. Australian salmon will also take flies such as deceiver patterns for those who want real arm stretching action on light fly gear. Australian salmon are poorly regarded as food fish, with larger specimens becoming decidedly tough. The western species is better eating but all fish are improved if the strongly flavoured red muscle along the lateral line is cut out.



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