



St George Sportfishing Club

Newsletter — March 2016 - Issue 521

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- 27-28 Feb **Trailerboat Show** Showground Olympic Park
- 28 Feb **Snapper Day**
- 3 Mar **General Meeting** at the Masonic Club, 7.30. Meeting #519. Don't forget to sign our attendance book for the Lucky Door prize.
- 6 Mar **Clean up Australia Day**
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The EAR



Trevor Dean has caught the attention of The EAR again. Seems last year he inadvertently “lifted” a spoon from the Maltbys after being invited to dinner. Karen didn’t notice the loss until weeks later when going through the cutlery. This put her into a bit of a spin, where has it been lost? Where have I misplaced it? Has it been tossed out with the rubbish? After weeks of this



bothering her, she thought through the dinner parties they had. And who was most likely to have taken it home? Nothing or no one came to mind. Finally she shrugged and thought—it was only a spoon anyway. Months passed and out of the blue a call from our spoon lifter—I have a spare spoon here....have you by any chance lost

one? Ah ha she thought, it must be ours. Trevor took the wayward spoon to Sussex last weekend and sheepishly handed it over. Karen was over the moon. Towards the end of the meal, Karen presented Trevor with a twisted, decorated, daggy old spoon as a memento.

Last month *The EAR* ran a *Wanted* advertisement for an assistant rock fisher. To remind you here is the article.

WANTED

Woman wishing to learn the art of rock fishing and fly fishing. Must be able to carry rods, gaffs, buckets, hooks, sinkers and bring lunch. Must be able to walk fast, not talk to much. Must be able to catch the bait quickly without supervision. Apply Sid Young.

Now a response.....

To the Editor, St George Sportfishing Club Newsletter

Dear Sir,

I would like to apply for the position advertised in the

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Coming Events — the detail

28 Feb—Clubs snapper day.

When: Sunday 28th February daylight till 1.00pm (or longer if you are doing well)

Where: Hopefully where there are fish

Meeting: 1.00pm @ Jibbon Beach to catch up and share fish stories

Rewards: Hopefully giant fish and to the fisher with the longest snapper caught, a \$30 BCF gift card.

Ron Camp will contact all those who listed on the sign on sheet in the event of poor/dangerous weather. As usual, skippers are reminded it is their responsibility to launch or not if conditions are unfavourable.

Contact can be maintained on 27mhz channel 94.

Contact Ron on 9520 3439 after the event to let him know your results.

6 Mar — **Clean up Australia Day**, unfortunately the club will not be involved this year.

11-13 Mar—**Narooma Sportfishing Convention**. First run in 1969 this is the first of the great ANSA Conventions. Excellent blue water fishing around the fabled Montague Island, estuary fishing, beach and rock are all available. Start is early (very early) 12.01am Fri 11 March to 1pm Sun 13 March. *See Fact Sheet on page 7*

Entry Forms will be available at the March meeting.

Mon 28 Mar **Sydney Tournament set up**. Do you fancy yourself as being an **expert tent puter—uppera**? If you can spare an hour or two on Monday 28 March to assist please come along to Souths club at 1pm

1-3 Apr **ANSA Sydney Tournament**. This is an annual event being the 23rd year. Clubs from around Sydney, south and north of Sydney attend to fish Sydney and enjoy the camaraderie. Great meals are provided for participating contestants, beginning with a free BBQ on Thursday evening, the start of the registration—all participants must be registered. Registrations close 14 March for catered entries. Cost include Friday dinner, Sat and Sun breakfasts, Saturday lunch, (sandwiches), Saturday dinner and Sunday BBQ. The fishing boundaries are; north to the Hawkesbury, south to Stanwell Tops and east to the 152.10 East line (wherever that is).

from our President



At our February meeting, Anthony Downs – RMS Boating Education Officer, gave a great and enlightening presentation. The question / answer time allowed Anthony to take on board (no pun intended) some of our concerns. It also provided Anthony the opportunity to talk on specific regulations and requirements.

As the March meeting is just prior to the Sydney Tournament, several experienced members will each give a short talk on target species, rigs, baits, etc., in one of the Tournament sections.

As we have a significant role in the Sydney Tournament, volunteers are required to assist particularly with set up and cooking, in addition to other associated support.

Set up will be on Easter Monday afternoon. More information will be provided later.

Roster sheets with details will be available again at the next meeting. By allocating a time for support it also permits a time (or times) to fish.

Any assistance is and will be greatly appreciated.

The Comps in particular present opportunities to show SGSFC members as keen participants, hopefully with top captures and/or release of fish.

A report on the Nowra Comp is given in this newsletter. Well done to those who fished this Comp.

If interested in fishing the Narooma ANSA Comp it is on 11, 12 and 13 March. Registration required.

Good fishing

Dennis

Our Committee

President	Dennis Simpson	9543 0949
V president	Peter Logan	9520 3298
Secretary	John Everett	0522 4808
Treasurer	Chris Holland	9872 5517
Recorder	Belinda Rayment	0407 337 770
Outings	Ron Camp	9520 3439
Committee	Andrew Perros	
Non Committee;		
Scale verifier	Phil Turner	
Newsletter	Clark Kent (C/-Bill Harvey)	9533 2453

The EAR *continued from page 1*

February issue of your Newsletter – that of assistant rock fisher.

I must say I have had no experience here but my dad was a keen fisherman.

There are a few obstacles though. Early mornings during the week are not possible as I have to drop the grandkids off at school. Weekends I go to the gym



followed by a long distance run with the running club. Most days I could be ready to start by 11am. And in the afternoon I have to pick the kids up – so available between 11am and 2pm. The article makes no mention of salary. Could you advise whether Sid Young will pay by the hour or on a daily basis? What holiday loading is paid or better still does 4 weeks leave apply? Would I need to work on public holidays?

I am keen to get this position. I live in Canberra and I am 77 years young. I enclose a photo of myself.

I look forward to your favourable reply

Yours, HL (Miss)

Glen Daniels has been fishing! The Policy of this Newsletter editor is every fish photo must have a person it—preferably the angler.

Now, as Glen fishes the Georges and has done for years, he must only have a mobile phone and no camera. Even so there is some doubt as to whether he has mastered the use of said phone camera.

However there occasionally comes a photo that needs inclusion—even if it is for encouragement. Now,

WANTED

A person with mobile phone camera expertise to coach Glen in the use of his mobile phone camera.

The applicant must have his degree in this field and majored I mobile phone cameras. Samples of previous work to accompany the application.

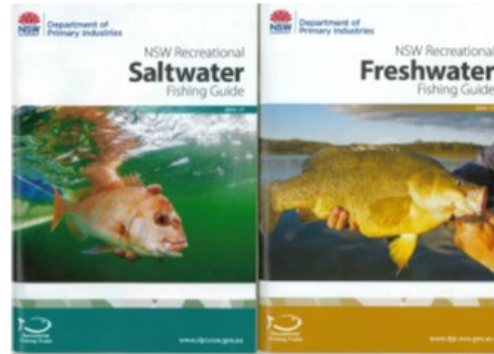
The position will require day work in Glen's boat. Night work is a distinct possibility. Glen's boat is a spacious 3m aluminium tinny. You must be able to spend many hours accompanying Glen while fishing. You will be required to bring your own lifejacket and a suitable cushion. Space is sort of restricted in Glen's boat.

You will however not be required to clean any fish.

This is a casual position but could become a permanent position as the other Glen (Xuereb) seems to have similar issues. Please apply to the Editor.

The NEWS

The latest NSW Fisheries **Saltwater and Freshwater Guides** are now available. There will be sufficient copies on the table at the March meeting together with the abbreviated



length and bag limits brochure (just the shot for the boat &/or tackle boxes). The new 'sticky rulers' for your boat will be on the

table as well. Copies are also available at your local tackle shop.

Following our club meeting and the excellent presentation from the RMS representative Anthony Downs, enclosed is some information from Dennis.....

NSW Maritime have a program for Old4New lifejackets and flare disposal and you may wish to take advantage of.

For Sydney the Old4New lifejackets will be at the following boat ramps.

Grays Point	4 Mar	2-5pm
Foreshore Road	12 Mar	7-10am
Yowie Bay	13 mar	7-10am
Dolans Bay	20 Mar	7-10am
Bonna Point	25 Mar	7-10am

For flare disposal suggest you look at the NSW Maritime website then to the following links,

- Safety Equipment –program for flare disposal
- Safety Campaigns – program for New4Old lifejacket replacement at other locations.

More on the Geelong Star

The **Geelong Star** (factory freezer super trawler). This ship has approval from the Federal Government to fish the Small Pelagic Fishery (SPF) in Commonwealth waters.

The 95-metre Dutch ship Dirk Dirk has been renamed Geelong Star, and operates outside the state government's three-kilometre zone in which super-trawlers are banned. The target species are jack mackerel and redbait. There is a lot of opposition to this operation which targets slimies and the like ie gamefish bait.

The Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Anne Ruston, said the Geelong Star was the most heavily regulated boat in the Australian fishery. "There is no other boat in the whole of the Australian fishery that has more regulation than this boat," she said.

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Fishing Reports

A couple of fishing reports. On 12 February Brad Sutton and I went down the river for a couple of hours chucking soft plastics. We got 4 Estuary Perch including my personal best of 40cm. Should be a picture attached. On the 19th Margaret and I went again and got another 2. Not real exciting, but better than nothing.

Bob McMahon

For photos see page 5

Hi Bill, Not much has changed on the fishing front. Still getting lots of rat kings on dead garfish and stick baits from the cliffs around Sydney. Travelled to Currarong with the guys for a fish for 3 days. Fished 3 iconic locations: Eves Ravine, The Planks and Beecroft - same result as Sydney - lots of rat kings, few salmon and squid. Same result just a different location.

Phil Turner

Hi Clark

You are persistent

I will have to go fishing to keep you happy and blame you if the wife is angry with me

I am planning to go out Wednesday for some squid and a Kingie or two down at Swansea - if you don't hear from me you know plans fell through

Thanks Jeff (Tabley)

Nowra Convention 2016

With only a small team entered StGSFC still managed a creditable third place behind The Happy Hookers and Wollongong clubs. The weather was mixed with a hot day on the Friday and light showers on Saturday and Sunday. Sea conditions for the blue-water entrants were fairly uncomfortable to say the least.

Notwithstanding the weather, some great results were obtained by Club members. Belinda Rayment captured a mahi mahi followed by a tag and release marlin of 60kg on the Sunday. All this despite a determined effort by Bruce to wrap a heavy leader around his prop!

Fishing at the Basin, Karen Maltby score both first and third places in the Ladies Division with a 1.1kg tailor and 0.6kg flathead both caught on 1kg, while Ron Camp won longest flathead at 57cm. Trevor Dean was pipped at the post for the biggest bream, just missing out with his 34cm capture.

Don Rayment left the sick bed to support the effort, but he and Carol could not unfortunately do their usual point busting fishing on the Club's behalf.

Trevor and I fished for bream in the Basin and while not troubling the scorer too much, still caught 23 on peeled

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prawns with many in the 30-34 cm mark. Not many points but still great fun.

The prediction for next year is, with a slightly larger team and a better spread over the divisions StGSFC will again take out the top honours.

John Everett—*for photos, see page 5*

Swansea 2016

With the weather forecast and the terrible weather in the lead up to our traditional flathead weekend it was no wonder only the stalwarts turned up.

The tides were good – it was just the wind, the rain is not usually an issue but it was not a good look.

Friday, on arrival, there was white water running up the channel and no trailers at the ramp. Saturday was better with the wind dropping off. Sunday the weather was all coming together.

Some did fish, some got poddies, some didn't, and some were towed back to the ramp. Some came for the picnic.

The fish were not co-operating at all.

The present dredging of the channel might not be improving the fishing, but then we have been there many times while dredging was being carried out.

The usual boat ramp at Pelican (on the N side of the bridge) is out of action due to subsidence and the day after we left the restaurant nearby partially slipped into the water!

Photo courtesy Newcastle Herald



The ramp on the southern side was easy to use. There is a pontoon, a beach adjacent and a good parking area - albeit not sealed. The ramp on the eastern side of the bridge is being used and pretty popular.

A few months earlier there were first hand reports of heaps of good flathead in the middle of the lake that were found by birds working bait. They were there for a month or so and many, many were taken. Whether that had an impact who knows.

There were reports of many squid around but few were encountered.

What is happening?



Sid Young's 997 mm king caught at Snapper Point, Pretty Beach

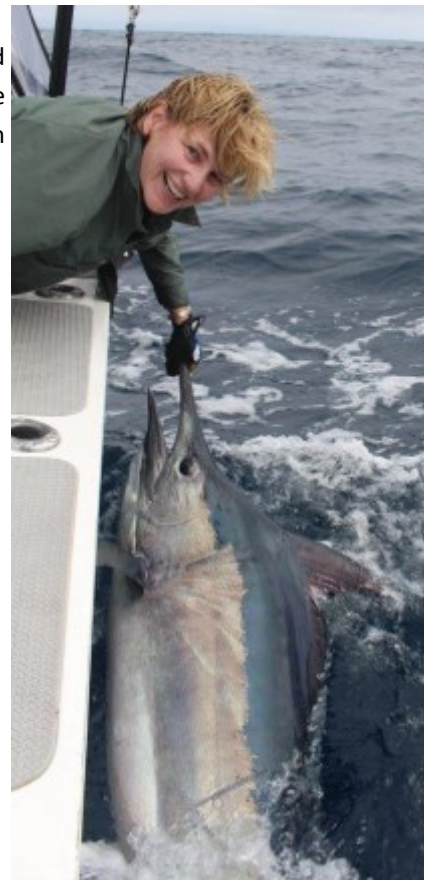


Bob Mc Mahon's 40cm estuary perch



John Everett with a couple of the bream caught at Sussex on the Nowra Convention W/E

Belinda Rayment's striped marlin tagged at the Nowra Convention



Karen's tailor and flattie that earned her 1st and 3rd places in the Nowra Convention, Ron with his 57cm flattie that won the longest flathead and Trevor Dean with his 34cm bream just a tad short



Phil turner and mate at The Planks on the Nowra Convention



This cartoon tickled Phil Worsley—reckons Noah was in a spot of bother

Fishing Reports continued

Hi Bill,

Back to work for a rest after a top three days at the Nowra ANSA Tournament fishing with Belinda Rayment on Avalon. Our goal was to win Tag & Release which Belinda did.

Missed a Marlin hookup Friday in rough conditions at the Jervis Bay Kink. Due to a strong southerly, fished Saturday on St. Georges Basin for bugger all (not a usual outcome for us). Got an early start on Sunday, tagged a Mahi Mahi and a Striped Tuna before hooking a 60kg Black Marlin just east of The Banks on 24kg tackle on a lumo lure in sloppy conditions. Had Mum & Dad in Sussex Inlet watching live on FaceTime as we fought the fish. Marlin number 7 for the season.

Bruce.

Hi Bill

I Went to lake Illawarra 3 weeks ago and caught around 12 flathead, then stayed after dark and caught 2kg's of prawns. The prawns were not big but were a great feed. I also went fly fishing at Thompson Creek dam at the end of Jan and caught 3 trout, 1 brown at 2kg and 2 rainbows at 1.5kg. Great fish on the fly. I do not have any photos of the catches as my camera is not great at night.

I did not attend the last meeting, so sorry it was not me who took the photo.

Glen (Xureb)

Friday 12th February I fished with good mate Michael Kean south of Port Hacking on Avalon. By 8:50am and having used only 13L of fuel we had tagged two Marlin - a Black of around 50kg for me and a Striped of around 60kg to Michael. Both fish were taken on 24kg tackle in 65 fathoms. The Striped hooked up as we were resetting the lures, ripping the line out of Michael hand as he went to put it in the rigger. Check out the video on my FB page.

Bruce.

Bill,

On Sunday morning 7th February Belinda and I fished south of Port Hacking on Avalon. In a couple of hours we caught new boat record Mahi Mahi with a bull of 14.1kg to me on 15kg tackle. We backed that up shortly after with a 9.1 kg cow to Belinda on 15kg. We found both these fish near private FADs. Never seen such good fishing off Sydney as we have at present.

Bruce.



Glen Daniel's catch. Normally this photo would not be considered as the angler is not present. However as his crocks can be seen, the Editor has made an exception. See *WANTED* on page 3



NAROOMA SPORT AND GAMEFISHING CLUB ANSA CONVENTION **FACT SHEET**

Friday 11 March - Sunday 13 March 2016

Competition times; Start ; Friday 12.01am 11 March 2016

Finish; Sunday 1pm 13 March 2016

Cost: Fully catered (all 7 meals) \$50 Senior \$20 Junior \$100 Family

Uncatered (no meals, entry only) \$20 Senior \$10 Junior

Meal Times; "ANGLERS TO SUPPLY OWN PLATES AND CUTLERY"

Thursday Sausage Sizzle 6.30 pm 'til late (free to all)

Friday Breakfast 5.30 am 'til 8 am Friday Dinner 6.00 pm 'til 8 pm

Saturday Breakfast 5.30 am 'til 8 am Saturday Dinner 6.00 pm 'til 8 pm

Sunday Breakfast 5.30 am 'til 8 am Sunday Lunch 12 noon 'til 2 pm

Entertainment;

Raffles; Thursday evening, Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday presentation BIG DRAW.

Unclaimed prizes from Thursday/Friday/Saturday raffles will be re-drawn in Sunday BIG DRAW.

Tides for the weekend

Friday 11 March 2016 Low 5.10am High 11.30am Low 5.38pm High 10.52pm

Saturday 12 March 2016 Low 6.04am High 12.16pm Low 6.24pm High 11.42pm

Sunday 13 March 2016 Low 7.00am High 1.10pm

Ramps;

Apex Park (all size boats, with pontoons).

Mill Bay (all size boats, be careful with drop off, no pontoons).

Taylor's (The Inlet Restaurant) (has wharf. Do not drive boat onto trailer).

Westside of Highway Bridge (tinnies only)

The Loop (near Narooma Marine)*** (tinnies only or drive on big boats, no pontoon).

SEE NOTES REGARDING MOORINGS AVAILABLE FOR TRAILERBOATS

Petrol Stations;

Shell on the Flat 5.30am - 6.30pm

Matilda on the Flat 6.00am - 6.00pm

BP (next to Cinema) 6.00am - late

Eateries;

Bakery on the flat 5am-5pm

ABC Bakery 6.30am

Casey's Cafe Roxy's Cafe

Bait and Tackle;

Compleat Angler (on the Flat) Darryl Open 7am- 7pm 4476 2278 All bait and tackle

Narooma Fish and Dive Darryl Stewart 0407909111 All bait and tackle

Marine;

Kingfisher Marine Behind Compleat Angler 4476 2650

Narooma Marina Riverside Drive 1 minute from Clubhouse 4476 2126

Local GPS marks;

Narooma Bar Entrance S 36.12.660 E150.08.010 Bermagui Ent S 36.25.240 E150.04.440

Montague Seamount S 36.10.000 E150.37.000 Montague Cany S 36.17.175 E150.24.450

South Kink S 36.18.050 E150.19.000 North Kink S 36.17.120 E150.19.450

Aughinish Rock S 36.16.400 E150.12.800 Shelf Edge S 36.16.460 E150.12.880

Local Medical Centres;

Moruya Hospital 4474 2666 Wagonga St Medical 4476 2622

Lighthouse Surgery 4476 2999 Blue House Surgery 4476 1390

Accommodation

Inlet Views 4476 2483 Apollo Units 4476 2461

Horizons Apartments 4476 5200 Black Bream Point 4476 1759

Island View 4456 1165 Festival Motor Inn 4476 2099

Big 4 Easts Narooma 4476 2046 Golfers Lodge 4476 2428

Coastal Comfort Motel 4476 2256 Surf Beach Caravan Park 4476 2275

Fishing Charters;

Aussie Fish Estuary Adventures 6495 9902 Charter Fish Narooma Benn 0407 487 702

Calm Water Charters Bill 4476 2483 Narooma Charters Norm 0407 909 111

Island Charters Chris 0408 428 857 Lighthouse Charters Wazza 4476 2621

Sheriff Charters Narooma Matt 0447951359 Narooma Fishing Charters John 0432 599 619

****MOORINGS AVAILABLE** NAROOMA MARINA ph; 4476 2126**

Trailer Boats welcome to moor at Narooma Marina over the Convention weekend or week.

Contact Narooma Marina ph; 4476 2126. Cost \$25 per night or \$100 a week.

Walk on/ Walk off for the weekend. No ramp problems. Fuel bowser on Marina. Bait and Ice. TOO EASY !

NSGFC Contacts Les Waldock 0411392608

Jan Hemmingsen 4476 4895



SEA SEA MARINE 23rd SYDNEY SPORTFISHING TOURNAMENT 1st, 2nd, & 3rd of April 2016



South Sydney Amateur Fishing Association and St. George Sportfishing Club invite you all to attend and fish our;

Sea Sea Marine Sydney Sportfishing Tournament 2016

The Sea Sea Marine Sydney Sportfishing Tournament will once again be hosted at the South Sydney AFA grounds located at the Corner of Hastings Avenue and Macquarie Street, Chifley.

What you can expect is;

- Great food, - Free camping, - Use of Club facilities, - Raffles, - Chocolate Wheel, - A great laugh, - Hospitality, - T-Shirts for sale, - Food, beer, wine, spirits & soft drinks at the bar, - goodies in the registration bags and a FREE Thursday BBQ on registration night (Thursday 31st March 2016)

CATERED BEING;

(Closing date for catered entries Monday 21st March 2016)

- FRIDAY DINNER • SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BREAKFASTS
- SATURDAY LUNCH (SANDWICHES) • SATURDAY DINNER
- SUNDAY BBQ.

For all who return year after year we look forward to seeing you again. To those who haven't participated before, and are thinking about competing this year, we urge you to join in the fun and fishing.

MAKE IT A CLUB OUTING!!

Put the Tournament on your club calendar and fish as a club at the event.

FISHING BOUNDARIES ARE:-
- North to the Hawkesbury
- South to Stanwell Tops
- East to the 152.10 East line

This year the Tournament is set up for ANSA members and Non ANSA members. ANSA members can register their captures in all divisions. Non ANSA members can only register their captures in the length only divisions. Non ANSA members are not eligible to weigh captures for line class divisions.

Please consider and if you require further information, please do not hesitate to ring Stan Konstantaras (0407 131 714) or Tony Steiner (0412 611 778)

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.



CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2016

Certificates awarded at February meeting, events between 29 January and 22 February



ANSA's Nowra Convention was held over the weekend of 19th to 21st February. Our numbers were down compared with previous years but St George still managed to finish in 3rd place overall. The following anglers were awarded 3 CAA points for fishing:

Ron Camp, Trevor Dean, John Everett, Karen Maltby, Belinda Rayment, Bruce Rayment, Carol Rayment, and Don Rayment.

If I have inadvertently missed anyone from this list, please let me know as soon as possible. Further CAA points will be awarded for division places once final results are published:

Congratulations to the following anglers who were awarded **Masters capture certificates** last month:

Andrew Agius – Length Only – Yellowfin Bream 410mm	CAA pts	5
Ray Agius – Length Only – Yellowfin Bream 455mm	CAA pts	5
This capture was a length only Club Record	CAA pts	3
Debbie Logan – All tackle species – Yellowfin Bream #2 405mm	CAA pts	5
Andrew Perros – Length Only – Bronze Whaler Shark 910mm	CAA pts	5
Belinda Rayment – Lure casting – Silver Trevally 0.99kg on 1kg (148.5pts)	CAA pts	5
Belinda Rayment – Length Only – Striped Marlin 2,900mm	CAA pts	5
This capture was a length only Club Record	CAA pts	3
Bruce Rayment – Length Only – Dolphinfish 1,245mm	CAA pts	5
This capture was a length only Club Record	CAA pts	3
Phil Turner – All tackle species – Whaler Shark #27 1,140mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All tackle species – Whaler Shark #28 1,100mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – All tackle species – Australian Salmon #2 650mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Turner – Length Only – Gummy Shark 1,370mm	CAA pts	5
This capture was a length only Club Record	CAA pts	3
Mary Worsley – Length Only – Dusky Flathead 860mm	CAA pts	5
Phil Worsley – Length Only – Black Marlin 1,800mm	CAA pts	5

CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2015/16 - END FEBRUARY

MENS		LADIES		JUNIORS		Non-NSW	
Phil Turner	29	Belinda Rayment	24	<i>no entries</i>	-	<i>no entries</i>	-
Bruce Rayment	28	Karen Maltby	11				
Ray Agius	8	Debbie Logan	10				
John Everett	8	Mary Worsley	5				
Bill Harvey	8	Carol Rayment	3				
Andrew Agius	5	Lia Zacharias	3				
Peter Logan	5	Maria Zacharias	3				
Andrew Perros	5						
Phil Worsley	5						
Ron Camp	3						
Trevor Dean	3						
David Maltby	3						
Brendan McMahon	3						
Don Rayment	3						
Arthur Zacharias	3						

Length Only Comp

Remember that your entries for the club's length only competition can be upgraded any time throughout the year. Email or in writing is fine, just so long as you let me know where, when, what and how big the capture was.

DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2015/16				Updated as at: 22/2/2016
Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Karen Maltby	862	580	-	1,442
John Everett	720	-	540	1,260
Peter Logan	680	350	-	1,030
Mary Worsley	860	-	-	860
Phil Worsley	760	-	-	760
Phil Turner	-	-	650	650
Trevor Dean	570	-	-	570
Bob McMahon	560	-	-	560
Brendan McMahon	550	-	-	550
Bruce Rayment	550	-	-	550
Don Rayment	550	-	-	550
Debbie Logan	515	-	-	515
Andrew Dean	490	-	-	490
Andrew Peros	460	-	-	460
David Maltby	-	420	-	420

DIVISION 2 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2015/16				Updated as at: 22/2/2016
Angler	Best Bream - Length (mm)	Best Whiting - Length (mm)	Best Tailor - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Debbie Logan	410	380	480	1,270
Peter Logan	400	345	400	1,145
Andrew Perros	290	415	-	705
Ray Agius	455	-	-	455
Bill Harvey	-	437	-	437
Andrew Agius	410	-	-	410
David Maltby	395	-	-	395
John Everett	370	-	-	370
James Rayment	340	-	-	340
Trevor Dean	330	-	-	330
Bruce Rayment	330	-	-	330
Bob McMahon	300	-	-	300
Karen Maltby	300	-	-	300

ANSA news

ANSA NSW has announced that the Narooma Convention for 2016 will not be sanctioned this year.

The link below is the ANSA NSW formal response to the Narooma Sport and Gamefishing Club's request for sanctioning of the convention.

http://www.ansansw.com.au/Narooma_SGFC_Insurance_Letter.pdf

The Narooma Convention will not be recognised for the "Potty Trophy" and the ANSA Convention Circuit for 2016.

Please send all claim forms to me at PO Box 923, Caringbah NSW 1495 or belinda.rayment@bigpond.com

Belinda

Dear ANSA colleague,

Another recent concerning development with the fishing operations of the Geelong Star on the NSW South Coast.

It was reliably reported that the Geelong Star snared a large Whale Shark in its nets while fishing off Eden a week ago. AFMA has confirmed that the shark was caught up on the outside of the net but able to swim away unharmed after being released.

Conflicting advice has been received about the incident namely that the shark was trapped well inside the net and was hauled aboard the Geelong Star to be freed and was returned to the water from the deck of the Geelong Star via the use of a crane and a sling. The condition of the shark post this experience was not good and it is believed the shark may have been mortally injured.

AFMA has been approached to provide video footage of the incident to give credibility to its version of events. Unfortunately AFMA is not prepared to do this citing its usual commercial in confidence policies.

Our concerns over this unfortunate incident and the conflicting accounts of what did actually occur have been flagged with the Australian government.

A media release put out by the ARFF expressing recreational fisher concerns is attached.

Regards

John Burgess

Executive Officer/ Director

ANSA - Australian National Sportfishing Association Ltd

Thursday, 18th February 2016

Available for immediate release

Recreational Fishers Call for Greater Disclosure on Geelong Star Operations

The Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) today called for greater transparency and disclosure of the fishing operations of the Geelong Star. The call comes after conflicting accounts about a recent interaction between the vessel and a whale shark near Eden NSW. Whale sharks are a protected species under the Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

Allan Hansard, Managing Director of ARFF said that "ARFF understands that in response to media inquiries the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) has confirmed the interaction with the whale shark and that 2 fins were entangled in the outside of the net. Once freed, the shark swam away unharmed."

The Small Pelagic Fisheries Industry Association (SPFIA) on its Facebook stated, "a whale shark had come alongside the net, the vessel maneuvered away and the whale shark had swum off unharmed."

Other unconfirmed reports in the media were that the whale shark was caught in the net and once freed with mechanical assistance it floated away.

"ARFF calls for the video footage of the Vessel's operation during the intervention are made available to confirm the actual and factual process of events," said Mr Hansard.

"This encounter has raised the issue of how many interactions like this one with the whale shark and other threatened and endangered species have occurred that we don't know the full story about?"

"In addition, it raises the issue about other by catch of the vessel. How many marlin, kingfish and other valuable species for recreational fishing – in addition to the bait it extracts –has the Geelong Star caught that we do not know about?"

In its submission to the Senate Inquiry on Supertrawlers ARFF raises this issue and states that: "fish that are not sold and are discarded are recorded on logbooks of the Geelong Star. However, the data is not publically available. This situation makes it impossible to determine the potential impact of the Geelong Star's activities on key recreational species that are non-target species. As these species are high value species for recreational fishing, it could be that the Geelong Star is catching, killing and discarding species that potentially exceed the value of the small pelagic fish it is catching for sale from these areas."

"ARFF calls for all information on discarded fish species caught by the Geelong Star are made public. This will provide transparency in relation to the opportunity cost of the vessel's activities to the recreational fishers and the local communities that support them" concluded Mr Hansard.

See the full ARFF submission to the Senate Inquiry into Supertrawlers at: <http://www.recreationalfishing.com.au/images/PDF/ST-SUBMISSION.pdf>



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Waterbird Of The Month



Red-necked Avocet *Recurvirostra novaehollandiae*

Appearance. The Red-necked Avocet is a slim, elegant looking bird, easily distinguished by its long, fine and remarkably upturned bill, chestnut neck and head, white body and black and white wings.. The pale blue-grey legs are long and the feet webbed. Overall size is 40-48cm.

Range & habitat. Found over much of mainland Australia except the arid interior and tropical north. In NSW east of the Divide primarily between Newcastle and Jervis Bay. Fresh or brackish swamps, salt marshes, estuaries, tidal mud flats, sewerage farm ponds, margins of dams etc. In small groups or large flocks of up to several hundred. Often associates with Black-winged Stilts.

Feeding. Wades and feeds in shallows, mainly on aquatic insects and their larvae, crustaceans and seeds.

Breeding. Aug. to Dec. Usually 3-5 speckled brown eggs in a small mound or shallow depression, lined with fine leaves, grass etc. Both parents incubate for 3-4 weeks.

Voice. A musical, fluty "toot toot"



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Part of a flock of several hundred at Stockton Sand Spit, accompanied by a Great Egret.



Roger Giller