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Hi Gang,

Its been a while since the last newsletter so there is quite a bit to cover.

TUNA COMPETITION

It was a different type of "tuna comp" this year with very few tuna being caught. That's not something that happens very often but I am told that it's not the first time. My guess is that the water was still a bit too warm for them but I am sure that there is a scientist somewhere that will give us the real reason.

Nevertheless it was a great week and most entrants have indicated that they will be back next year.

Not everyone had trouble finding tuna. Zac and Geoff Currie with an 82.6kg model

Our brand-new bar had its first run during the competition and seems to be going well. Financially it is a welcome addition for the club. The only complaint that I heard is that we didn't stock any VB! This particular member even suggested that he buy a carton from the pub and donate it to the club. Over time he suggested that he could buy it again from us, one can at a time! Seemed like a good deal to me.

During the week we found that if we were to hang up any merchandise near the bar, generally it would sell. Theres a message in there for us. We are currently looking at our range and considering updating wherever needed. Keep a look out for "new stuff".

The Treasurers Report that was presented at the last Committee meeting shows that we did very well financially from the tuna competition. Even after stocking the bar, paying all of our bills and purchasing all sorts of stuff, we are still very much in the black.

It seems that on the days that were too rough to fish, quite a few people decided to demonstrate their skills at the local golf course. Let's just say that they generally proved why they are fishermen and not golfers!

Looking back at the entrants list, we had 133 competitors fishing from 33 boats. Not a bad effort.

We also had some members who joined the competition with no intention of wetting a line but to simply attend the social events and go into the draw for the $5000. That sounds like smart thinking to me.

Speaking of the lucky door prize, Mark Ewens went home $5000 richer.

One of our regular visiting competitors, Marcus Pearson made an outstanding capture of an 18.2kg school shark on 1kg

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line. It is a potential State and Australian record and you can view a short video regarding that and the gear used here - [School Shark on 1 kg line capture]

or go to You Tube and type https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dT46w6Yh-wg

Carn proudly displaying his “Billfish”.

We also had an influx of members prior to and during the competition and I am pleased to announce that we currently have a total of 168 members. I can’t remember having that many since I joined the club. Maybe we are doing something right after all!

RESULTS of the 44th ANNUAL TUNA & SPORTSFISH COMPETITIONS

CATEGORY		Points / Weight	WINNER
1. MOST MERITORIOUS SB TUNA		82.6	ZAC CURRIE
2. HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER		2597.5	MARCUS PEARSON
3. HEAVIEST SBT		10.76	TYSON KAIN
4. MOST MERITORIOUS SHARK		47.34	MARCUS PEARSON
5. TAG & RELEASE PETER BLACKMORE			From Glen Sparks
6. MOST MERITORIOUS ALBACORE			NO CAPTURES
7. HEAVIEST SHARK		22.86	GEOFF CURRIE
8. HEAVIEST SOUTHERN BLUEFIN TUNA LINE CLASS AWARDS			
1 KG LINE CLASS			NO CAPTURES
2 kg LINE CLASS			NO CAPTURES
3 kg LINE CLASS			NO CAPTURES
4 kg LINE CLASS			NO CAPTURES
6 kg LINE CLASS		7.42	TRACEY TITO
8 kg LINE CLASS		7.48	KIM LINCOLN (DID NOT MAKE LINE CLASS)
10 kg LINE CLASS		7.6	FAYE CARRUTHERS (DID NOT MAKE LINE CLASS)
15 kg LINE CLASS			NO CAPTURES
24 kg LINE CLASS			NO CAPTURES
37 KG LINE CLASS		82.6	ZAC CURRIE
60 KG LINE CLASS		10.76	TYSON KAIN (NOT MAKE LINE CLASS)
9. HEAVIEST ALBACORE			NO CAPTURES
10. BOAT CLASS AWARDS	CLASS 1 up tp 6.49m	2598.21	VENGENCE
	CLASS 2 6.50 - 7.5m	1020.07	TIME THIEF
	CLASS 3 7.51 - 30m	927.22	THARAH
11. BOAT TAG AND RELEASE	CLASS 1		Glen Sparks
	CLASS 2		Glen Sparks
	CLASS 3		Glen Sparks
12. PRESIDENTS TROPHY		From Liam McKinnon	
13. HIGHEST POINT SCORING LADY		821.03	JODY TAYLOR
HEAVIEST FISH AWARDS			
16. TOPE		22.5	BRADLEY GREEN
17. GUMMY		7.9	BLAKE EWENS
18. MAKO		47.34	MARCUS PEARSON
EAGLERAY			NO CAPTURES
19. SNAPPER		4.3	NATHAN TILLEY
20. QUEEN SNAPPER		4.72	KYLE JOHNSON
21. HAPUKA/ SEA BASS			NO CAPTURES
22. TERAKIHI		1.18	JAMES STARK
23. FLATHEAD		1.74	EAMONN CAREY
24. SWEEP		0.82	JAMES STARK
25. KING GEORGE WHITING		0.52	BRETT TILLER
26. RED SNAPPER		2.58	SHANE SAUNDERS
27. SALMON		0.44	EAMONN CAREY
28. KNIFEJAW		2.12	SEAN GREEN
29. BLUE EYE			NO CAPTURES
30. MULLOWAY			NO CAPTURES
31. TRUMPETER			NO CAPTURES
32. SAMPSON FISH			NO CAPTURES
33. SKIPJACK TUNA			NO CAPTURES
34. MAHI MAHI			NO CAPTURES
35. GARFISH		0.26	BRAD GREEN
CHRIS IVANOVIC TROPHY		t Tuna for the Cor	Tyson Kain, J-Rod 10.76 on 60 kg line

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GFAA App.

I know that I have been harping on about this for a while but it really is a very useful tool. It gives you instant access to current records and even has a digital copy of the journal tucked away inside along with much more.

Just go to your App Store and search for GFAA.

MEMBERSHIP

If you are a new member and you haven't yet received a key to the scales area and / or a new members book, please send me an email and I will supply you with one.

GFAA JOURNAL

The GFAA Annual journal has been printed and distributed. There were only a limited amount made this year because the app has included a digital copy.

Our club made the decision to continue with the hard copy and that has already been distributed. The only way that you would have missed out is if you joined or rejoined after the details were sent to the GFAA. As an insurance policy, I have managed to get quite a few copies that can be distributed if we need to. (Trust me – we won't run short). Send me an email if you need one.

AGM

It has been decided to try something different for the AGM. This year it will be held on **Friday evening August 1st commencing at 6pm with a BBQ to follow. There will be a lucky door prize of a Tiagra 30.**

Hopefully that will ensure that we get a few attending. There will be a number of committee positions up for grabs so please consider putting your name forward.

GFAA Junior Competition

Did you know that the GFAA has an ongoing competition for all junior members? Its free to enter and details are available on the app. Monthly winners receive some great prizes and yearly winners are invited to the GFAA annual dinner to receive a trophy.

ELECTRIC REELS

The GFAA has issued a clarification to the use of electric reels when applying for a record. You would be aware that some Tiagras are able to have an electric drill attached to retrieve the rig from the depths. The rule basically states that as soon as you attach the drill to the reel, any claim becomes null and void. Even if you are winding up with the drill and a fish takes the

moving bait, bad luck. Its not eligible for a record. In basic terms, you can use the drill to retrieve a bait but once a drill is attached it becomes ineligible for a record for that drop only. The full document is attached to this newsletter.

RECORD CLAIMS

Just a couple of reminders regarding record claims. Firstly there is a **60 day limit** from date of capture for submitting record claims. This means that any claim has to be completed, sent to the club and then sent to SAGFA for checking. It then must be sent to the GFAA recorder (currently in Perth) prior to the 60 day expiry. There is a clause that gives the option of a further 30 days after a $110 late fee is paid but it is not automatic. You need a very good valid excuse.

Secondly our recorder has to soak the line in distilled water for 2 hours prior to testing it. Just imagine how happy he would be to see your line presented on a cardboard spool or even just as a loose hank? Bear in mind that he may have a dozen or so to test at one time. To keep him happy, please present your line on a corflute spool with your name and line class written on it with a permanent marker. I have made a few and they are in the clubrooms.

Also please wind your line with the rig end on top because it has to be checked by the club, state and national officials prior to testing. This will save everyone from unwinding the entire spool just to measure your rig.

GFAA AGM and Presentation Dinner

This annual event will be held in Melbourne on 25th October. The dinner is a great event where all of the National Trophies are presented not only to the adults but to the juniors as well. You never know, we might even have a new GFAA President by then.....

The AGM itself is always interesting with representatives from all states attending and most of them have their own agendas to promote. Sometimes I think that rather than use a microphone, the chairman would be better served by using a chair and a whip.

Seeya on the water.

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