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**YARDARM**

**APRIL 2019**

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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## G'day all

Welcome to another issue of the Yardarm. Plenty happening around the place as usual, I will start from the start funnily enough. Presentations were of course held in February and we had a pretty good turn out and a glorious day to award our winners for the year 2018.

Our juniors keep on coming up with the goods producing more records for the year so keep it up Parents. Geoff McKinnon cooked up a cracking roast for us so thanks again mate. A big congratulations to Life Member Gary Clarke for winning his first Anal Fin Award. He is now on every board we have in the clubrooms so keep it up Gazza, I think you can go back to back. Carn Taylor is our new Eye in the sky so dob in everyone you can.

Our monthly comps have not been very well attended as usual but there have been some quality fish around for those having a go. We will certainly keep them going for now but may cut them back if the trend continues. As you all know membership renewals are now due so pay up ASAP so we can make Bummers job a bit easier come Tuna Comp time. The job is big enough without having to process renewals along with Comp entries.

Tuna Comp preparations are in full swing once again and progressing on track at present. Our sponsors' are coming to the party and supporting us for another year so thanks to you all for your generosity. Hopefully the fish show up shortly and we can have a ripping week. We are overdue for a week of good weather I reckon so keep your fingers crossed. We will be running the Lucky Entrants Prize of the Boat, Motor and Trailer package once again so it's worth the entry fee even if you don't fish.

Lastly a reminder about safety gear being up to date. Fisheries and the local Constabulary have both been doing quite a few checks of recent times and I have seen some fines being handed out which have ruined a good fishing trip for not organised.

Enough dribble from me.

## See you on the water, Hoody



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# RECORDS OFFICER'S REPORT

Hello and thankyou to those members that made the effort to come along to the PMOAC 2018 Presentation day on Sunday 24 February where we celebrated another very successful fishing year. Congratulations to all our trophy winners and well done to all involved in catering for the day.

I had the pleasure of presenting several State and Australian record certificates to some of our junior members that were caught and ratified throughout the year. Congratulations to Sam Whan / Zac Currie and Georgia Barrett on your captures and achievements.

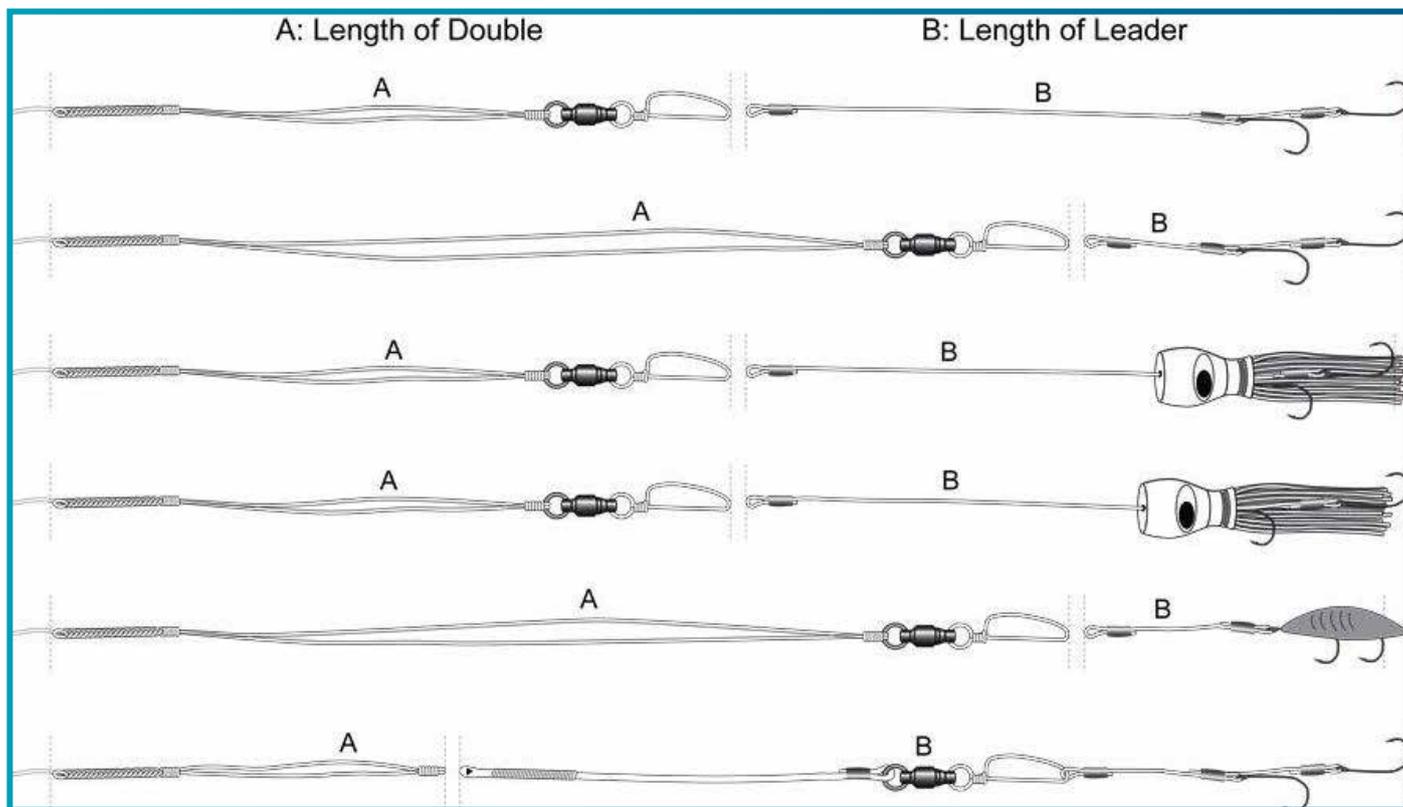
2018 records	Species	date of capture	Line class	weight	State	Aust
Sam Whan / Small fry male	SBT	28/01/2018	8 kg	27.76kg	X	X
Zac Currie/ Jnr male	SBT	27/01/2018	15kg	29.28kg	X	
Sam Whan / Small fry male	Mako	10/06/2018	10kg	99.75kg	X	
Georgia Barrett / Jnr female	SBT	3/06/2018	4kg	7.70 kg	X	

With the tuna run coming up shortly and our Sports Fishing Comp in May and with many records still for the taking please take the time to check all your gear is to GFAA standards as in leader length / hook arrangement etc .

For those using wind on leaders also be aware of legal lengths as per GFAA rules. If anyone needs clarification all information is available at the following link [www.gfaa.asn.au](http://www.gfaa.asn.au).

Hoping to catch you on the water soon!

## Tight lines, Craig Medhurst



For GFAA Line Class Specification, see next page.



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# GFFA LINE CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

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## (a) Line

1. Monofilament, multifilament and lead core multifilament lines may be used. For line classes, see Australian Record Requirements
2. Wire lines are prohibited.

## (b) Line and Backing

1. The use of backing is permissible.
1. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first 5m of the line directly preceding the double, leader and hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line.

## (c) Double line

The use of a double line is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. A double line must consist of the actual line used to catch the fish.
2. Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or splice making the double to the furthestmost end of the knot, splice, snap, swivel or other device used for securing the trace, leader, lure or hook to the double line.

**Saltwater species:** In all line classes up to and including 10kg (20lb) the double line shall be limited to 4.57m (15ft).

The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1m (20ft). The double line on all classes of tackle over 10kg (20lb) shall be limited to 9.14m (30ft). The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 12.19m (40ft).

**Freshwater species:** The double line on all classes of tackle shall not exceed 1.82m (6ft). The combined length of the double line and the leader shall not exceed 3.04m (10ft).

## (d) Leader

The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. The length of the leader is the overall length, including any lure, hook arrangement or other device, and is measured to the bend of the last hook. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

**Saltwater species:** In all line classes up to and including 10kg (20lb) the leader shall be limited to 4.57m (15ft).

The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1m (20ft). The leader on all classes of tackle over 10kg (20lb) shall be limited to 9.14m (30ft). The combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 12.19m (40ft).

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# WEIGH MASTER'S REPORT

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## Hi everyone

Hopefully you have all been able to get out for a fish lately, but as always it seems hard to find time. Now that the tuna have turned up it might give a few of us a bit more insensitive. Speaking of which, the first tuna for the year goes to Brodie Williams with a very nice fish that went 19.26 kg.

It's been great to see a few more at the weigh-ins on our comp days even though the weather hasn't been too good for a couple of them. Maybe that's got something to do with the barbecue we have been having after the weigh-in - it's always good to have an excuse to talk and have a beer afterwards.

There is also something that I have been trying to get across to members before the tuna comp this year and that is to understand how the weigh-ins and the comp actually work. Over the last couple of years it seems to be getting worse and this year I am going to be putting it on the skippers to understand it and to get it right.

This year, all the daily results will be uploaded to our website, so you should know if you have a fish worth weighing even before you get back to the boat ramp.

If you think it might be close then you take the next step. The next step is take your fish to the registration area, where there are a set of scales to weigh your fish. If it weighs under a fish that has already been weighed, then you can register it for your 100 species points and take it home. It is the same for heaviest or line class - it makes no difference.

If you think you have a fish that should be weighed, then you go to the third step and get your fish weighed, fill out the white card and give it to the registrar who will enter the details into the book and give you a number on the card. That number is very important and must go in sequence as your fish is placed in the weighing area. Never just drop your fish and walk away. Make sure I have seen it placed in the right order, you would be amazed at how many people do it.

I'm sorry if all this sounds a bit heavy handed, but to make it fair on everyone and for everything to run smoothly, it has to be said.

In the end it all is about being proactive and being seen to be all about the conservation of our fish stocks. The perfect example and the reason I'm saying this, is one day last year we had over 60 fish to weigh-in one night and after looking at the weights, at least half the fish did not have to be weighed. It wasn't a good look, especially when we can all be tuna champions ...

Anyway if anyone has any questions, I'm more than happy to try and answer them. And like I would say to my apprentices, there is no such thing as a stupid question - you only look stupid if you don't ask them!

Well I think that's enough from me.

**See you all at the scales and keep your lines tight**

**Geoff McKinnon**



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# POINT SCORER'S REPORT

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This year is my first year doing point scoring so please bear with me as I get my head around what is required in this role.

Firstly, I would like to ask that everyone please make an effort when entering fish into the weigh in book at the club scales that they please try to make it as easy to read as possible.

Secondly, if you fill a page up, please start a new page and not just continue to write across the bottom of the page. This will make it a lot easier to read and understand what is written in each column.

There has been a couple of things that we need to clarify moving forward for the current season and leading into the upcoming Tuna Comp.

## 1. Subscriptions/Memberships

All current memberships need to be renewed by the end of March in order remain a current member and if done all fish caught from 1 January 2019 until the date your renewal is received will remain in the club points database.

If you do not pay your fees by the end of March and you have weighed fish in during the January – March period those fish will be removed from the club points database and therefore not be included in any monthly or yearly awards. If you pay your fees on or after 1 April, you need to have them paid prior to catching any fish you wish to weigh in.

Below is an extract of the constitution about subscriptions:

- **The subscription fees for each class of membership shall be such sum as members may determine from time to time in general meeting.**
  - **The subscription fees for each class of membership shall be payable on 1st January or at such other times that the committee may determine from time to time.**
  - **Any member whose subscription is outstanding for more than 3 months after the due date for payment shall cease to be a member of the association, provided always that the committee may reinstate such a person's membership as it thinks fit.**
2. This year as moved, voted on and passed at the AGM by the members, we will be calculating points monthly. At the Start of each month your points will be `ZERO` and each fish/species you catch will be added up to give a monthly point score. Each species will attract 100 points same as previous years as well and line class points. These will be used for the monthly awards.

At the end of the year, all 12 months worth of scores will be tallied up and the Yearly awards will be taken from these scores. The clubs point scoring program will only allow paid up financial members captures to be entered into the database, therefore it is important that we adhere to my previous point about Subscriptions/ Memberships.

3. This year we have reverted back to NOT including any captures from the Tuna comp being included in the monthly or Yearly club awards. The Tuna Comp will be a completely different set of points to all other monthly and yearly awards.

Please, if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask either myself or other committee members.

**Thanks, Bart**



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# JUNIOR COORDINATOR'S REPORT

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## Howdy All

Well congratulations to all the kids and parents who participated in last season and a massive congratulation's to Sam Whan champion angler, runner up Zac Currie and Junior Tag champion Beau Ewens!

It was also great to see a few new faces up the front with Casey Wilson winning a couple of heaviest species and monthly awards.

Most of the kids have been rather quiet due to boat maintenance, weather or the fishing has just been slow, however I am sure the tuna and Mako's are just around the corner waiting for some nice calm autumn days.

A few years ago the club had all the junior's signed up for the GFAA National Junior Comp but I have noticed that there are now a few new kids that are not signed up.

If you are unsure on this please sign up, its really not that hard just go on the GFAA website and follow the prompts.

I am sure everyone is getting keen for Tuna comp, as it is going to come around really quickly and it would be great to see as many kids entered as possible.

There are some really awesome prizes up for grabs this year, so if the weather allows, give the kids a few days off school and get them out on the water!

With the right gear and a harness it is pretty amazing what the kids can do.

There are also plenty of records to be broken.

## Cheers Whanny



*Above: Champion Junior Angler, Sam Whan.*



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# CLUB OBJECTIVES

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## Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club

To promote the sport of angling and game fishing both as a recreation and as a potential source of scientific data.

Promote the exchange of knowledge relating to angling and boating.

Look after our fisheries by:

1. Take no more than our immediate needs.
2. Return undersize and unwanted fish carefully to the water.
3. Take your rubbish home and dispose of it correctly.

To participated and organise fishing competitions and tournaments for all anglers to enjoy.

Protect the marine environment.

Observe and practice boating safety regulations.

Operate in accordance with the rules and ethics of GFAA.

Encourage junior involvement in fishing activities of the club.

Show courtesy toward other anglers and boat users.

Provide facilities and equipment that enable club members to enjoy their membership of the club.

Observe and practice the Primary Industries of South Australia recreational fishing guide.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

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Fist Southern Bluefin Tuna will win the jacket.

## **EASTER LONG WEEKEND - Friday 19 to Monday 22 April 2019**

All Species. Weigh-in daily at 4pm

## **APRIL IS TIAGRA MONTH**

Most meritorious and heaviest SBT for the month of April 2019 will win a Tiagra

## **38th TUNA AND SPORTFISHING TOURNAMENT - Saturday 4 to Saturday 11 May 2019**

Weigh-in daily at 4pm at the weigh-in station. 1pm deadline on the last day. **Please see entry form on next page.**

## **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY - Sunday 9 June 2019**

Tag and release competition. Weigh-in at 3.30pm. Barbecue to follow.

## **ALL SPECIES COMP - Sunday 14 July 2019**

Weigh-in at 4pm.

## **4KG LINE CLASS COMP - Saturday 24 August 2019**

Weigh-in at 4pm.

## **BARREL BUSTERS WEEKEND - Saturday 12 - Sunday 22 September 2019**

Weigh-in at 4pm. Barbecue to follow.

## **BREAM AND MULLOWAY COMP - Saturday 12 - Sunday 13 October 2019**

Held on the Glenelg River, Nelson. Weigh-in at 10am Sunday. Barbecue breakfast supplied.

## **MAKO MADNESS WEEKEND - Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 November 2019**

Heaviest and tag and release. Weigh-in at 4pm each day. Barbecue to follow on Saturday.

**All monthly competitions are subject to change due to weather & fish availability at the time.**

Financial members may take guests to fish competitions on their boats. To be eligible for prizes the guest must pay an entry fee of \$10 prior to fishing. Guests are allowed two fishing competitions per only year before they must become members of the club. Juniors are eligible for prizes in the junior category only. Full membership payment will allow them to contest major prizes.

**For more details visit [www.pmoac.com](http://www.pmoac.com)**



# 38TH ANNUAL TUNA AND SPORTSFISH COMPETITION

4 - 11 May 2019



## - ENTRY FORM -

Please complete form clearly and send with survey on next page and correct payment to:  
**PORT MACDONNELL OFFSHORE ANGLING CLUB TUNA AND SPORTFISH TOURNAMENT,  
PO Box 2232, MOUNT GAMBIER SA 5290**

A separate form is required for each entrant. Photocopies are acceptable, or phone for extra entry forms.  
*Entry form must be completed accurately, in full, accompanied by correct payment and signed,  
otherwise it will be returned unprocessed.*

### ENTRANTS

Member of GFAA, SAGFA, IGFA ..... Club  
Name .....  
Address .....  
Town / city ..... Postcode .....  
Phone A/H ..... Mobile .....  
Email .....  
Signature .....  
Boat angler will fish from .....

### JUNIOR ENTRANTS (under 16 years)

Name .....  
Age ..... Date of birth .....  
Parent / guardian signature .....

### SAFETY AND RESCUE INFORMATION (Skippers and boat owners only to complete) \*Compulsory Fields

\*Boat Name .....  
\*Length ..... \*Make ..... \*Boat Rego .....  
\*Trailer Rego ..... \*Car Rego.....  
Boat Colour: \*Hull..... Deck.....  
Motor brand ..... HP rating ..... Inboard / outboard .....  
\*Fuel capacity..... \*Mobile Phone .....

Sports fish Tournament, I, my heirs, executors and administrators agree to indemnify and to keep indemnified and to hold harmless the organizers of the Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club Tuna & Sports Tournament, its servants and agents and rescue services and each of them from and against actions, costs, claims, damages, charges and expenses whatsoever which may be brought or made or claimed against them or any of them arising out of or in relation to their participation in the Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club Tuna & Sports fish Tournament. I have read the current Conditions of entry and Rules & Conditions, both of which I understand and agree to be bound.

### EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT (must be paid before 8am Saturday 27 April 2019)

Adult \$100 ..... Juniors (under 16) \$20 .....

### STANDARD FEES

Adult \$120 ..... Juniors (under 16) \$20 .....

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT - Wednesday 8 May 2019 Attending yes / no? Number attending .....

PRESENTATION DINNER - Saturday 11 May 2019 Attending yes / no? Number attending.....



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# TUNA CHAMPIONS

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Tuna Champions is an initiative of the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation in collaboration with the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies at the University of Tasmania. It is funded by the Australian Government through the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation.

Southern Bluefin Tuna are managed internationally as a single breeding stock by the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT). SBT are coming back from critically low levels, but there is much to be done before stock recovers to target levels.

## **How is the fishery being managed so we have bluefin forever?**

Internationally, it's cared for through sustainable management and stock assessment. In Australia, we manage our share of the total allowable catch – with 250 tonnes set aside for recreational fishing. In each state along their migratory path, specific regulations have been set up to manage the recreational SBT fishery.

Southern Bluefin Tuna are a worthy adversary which we wait for each year with anticipation, our club even has a tournament built around this iconic fish. SB Tuna provide significant economic benefit to the professionals who make a living from these fish so they are out for their share.

Amateur fishers also provide an economic boost to the communities that host them during the run, food, fuel, accommodation, tackle etc.

Tuna Champions are recreational SBT fishers who:

Respect the fish and are willing to adopt better ways of fishing,

Value the fish by learning how to prepare the meat well,

Contribute to what we know about SBT, and

Encourage their fishing mates to do the right thing.

## **Tuna Champions use the best fishing practices for SBT**

Like knowing how to catch, handle, keep, release and prepare SBT to make the most of every fish caught – and to give those released the best chance of surviving.

## **So, are you a Tuna Champion?**

To continue fishing for SBT as a sustainable resource we need to work towards best practice and demonstrate best practice. Ask about the tagging program the club runs, get on the web and check out handling techniques to ensure your fish survives or provides the best eating experience. Another consideration is the Animal welfare lobby who will or may already take an interest in our sport, behaviour with fish at the cleaning tables and boat ramp, photos of fish on social media need to demonstrate our respect and commitment to this resource.

If you're not one already, become a Tuna Champion – we have lots of stickers in the clubrooms but get on the web [WWW.TUNACHAMPIONS.COM.AU](http://WWW.TUNACHAMPIONS.COM.AU) and on Facebook and make a commitment.



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# PMOAC RULES AND LIMITS

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## **ALBACORE TUNA:**

The club has a self imposed possession limit per day on Albacore of,

**2 fish per person and a boat limit of 6 fish per day.**

## **MAKO SHARK:**

The committee have passed that there will be a club minimum size and possession limit each day on Mako shark. This has come about by the recent Government laws on Commonwealth Migratory Species.

### **Minimum size limit of 1.20m**

Measured from the fork of the tail to the point of the nose.

**Maximum possession limit of 2 per boat per day.**

## **LEADER LENGTHS:**

It has been brought to the attention of the committee that some members have been unaware that there is a legal length for leaders. If you buy a wind-on leader it does need to be trimmed to the correct length for your lure.

*From the G.F.A.A. rules web page also your annual G.F.A.A. booklet.*

The use of a leader is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications:

1. The length of the leader is the overall length including any lure, hook arrangement or other device. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material or strength of the leader.

**Saltwater Species:** In all line classes up to and including 10kg, the leader shall be limited to 4.57 meters. The combined length of the double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1 meters.

The leader on all classes of tackle over 10kg shall be limited to 9.14 meters. The combined length of the double line and leader shall be limited to 12.19 meters.

The committee is working on a club rule book that will have all the information and rules that apply to the club and its members.

Please remember to take only your immediate needs and return other fish not required to the water.

**Ask a committee member to assist you if you are not sure of legal leader lengths,**

**We will be spot checking these during comps**



# TROPHY WINNERS 2018

Senior Champion Angler	Carn Taylor, 2215.46pts
Runner-Up	Clinton Wilson, 1488.67pts
Junior Champion Angler	Sam Whan, 1854.45pts
Runner-Up	Zac Currie, 1077.18pts
Champion Boat	Tharah, 2102.79pts

## Monthly winners - Seniors

January	Paul Carrison
Febuary	Andrew Hood
March/April	Clinton Wilson
May/June	Carn Taylor
July	-
August	-
September	Matthew Savory
October	Noel Doody
November	Max Barrett
December	Liam McKinnon

## Monthly winners - Juniors

Jan/April/June	Sam Whan
Febuary	Jarrold Carey
March	Georgia Barrett
May	Zac Currie
Jul/Aug/Sep	-
October	Liam Johnson
November	-

## Heaviest species - Seniors

SB Tuna	Cameron Sandercock, 122.3
Albacore	Gary Clarke, 3.28kg
Mako Shark	James Stark, 41.14kg
Tope	John Hateley, 23.76kg
Gummy Shark	Craig Medhurst, 25.24kg
Eagle Ray	Brodie Williams, 54.62kg
Snapper	James Stark, 4.84kg
Mulloway	Andrew Hood, 6.74kg
Australian Salmon	Eammon Carey, 1.28kg
Terakihi	Carn Taylor, 2.32kg
Queen Snapper	Brock McKinnon, 4.56kg
Sweep	Carn Taylor, 0.88kg .
Flathead	Matthew Sinkunas, 1.72kg
Red Snapper	Carn Taylor, 1.82kg
Knife Jaw	Carn Taylor, 2.45kg
Blue Eye Travalla	Richard Lawler, 6.70kg .
Tassie Trumpeter	Matthew Tocaciu, 5.52kg .
KG Whiting	Noel Doody, 0.64kg
Harpuka/Sea Bass	Richard Lawler, 19.74kg .
Garfish	Andrew Hood, 0.32kg
Travally	Sonia Hermann, 3.16kg .
Bronze Whaler	Michael Pedlar, 22.5kg
Skipjack Tuna	Tony Bell, 4.48kg
Sampson Fish	Noel Doody 24.86kg

## Heaviest species - Juniors

Zac Currie, 29.28kg
Sam Whan, 99.75kg
Casey Wilson, 12.20kg
Casey Wilson, 22.40kg
Sam Whan, 20.30kg
Liam Johnson, 2.94kg
Sam Whan, 42kg
Sam Whan, 0.98kg
Reece Barrett, 1.14kg
Jarrold Carey, 1.26kg
Sam Whan, 1.76kg
Zac Currie, 0.60kg
Zac Currie, 0.22kg
Zac Currie, 3.75kg
Liam Johnson, 3.28kg



# GALLERY - TROPHY WINNERS 2018



PMOAC trophy winners for 2018.



Presenter Darryl McIntyre with John Hateley, Heaviest Topo.



Presenter Darryl McIntyre with Eammon Carey, Heaviest Australian Salmon.



Dean Coclonis and Tommy Egan enjoying the day.



Tom Egan with Sam Whan, Champion Junior Angler.



# GALLERY - TROPHY WINNERS 2018 continued



Presenter Adrian McKinnon with Carn Taylor, Champion Angler.



Presenter Adrian McKinnon with Clinton Wilson, Runner-Up Champion Angler.



Presenter Craig Methurst with Sam Whan Small Fry Australian Record for a Mako Shark.



Presenter Craig Methurst with Sam Whan, Small Fry Australian Record for a Mako Shark.



Presenter Craig Methurst with Liam McKinnon, Recapture certificate for an SBT.



Andrew Hood.



# GALLERY - TROPHY WINNERS 2018 continued



*Presenter Pop Johnson with Sam Whan, Australian Salmon.*



*Presenter Pop Johnson with Jarrod Carey, Red Snapper.*



*Presenter Pop Johnson with Liam Johnson, Heaviest Snapper.*



*Presenter Pop Johnson with Liam Johnson, October monthly winner.*



*Presenter Pop Johnson with Sam Whan monthly winner for January, April and June.*



# GFAA RECORDS

## SA Mako Shark records

Fish Species ↑	Aus / State	Category	Environment	Line Class	First Name	Surname	Weight	Date
SHARK, Mako	SA	Male	Saltwater	2	Lance	Walkom	22.65	22/05/1997
SHARK, Mako	SA	Male	Saltwater	4	Shane	Sanders	195.70	5/02/2017
SHARK, Mako	SA	Male	Saltwater	6	Ian	Warner	88.96	21/05/1987
SHARK, Mako	SA	Male	Saltwater	8	Steve	Morris	114.50	11/03/2005
SHARK, Mako	SA	Male	Saltwater	10	P	Trajanoski	147.00	17/02/1991
SHARK, Mako	SA	Male	Saltwater	15	Brodie	Carter	144.00	16/05/2011
SHARK, Mako	SA	Male	Saltwater	24	Dennis	Heinicke	317.48	15/06/2006
SHARK, Mako	SA	Male	Saltwater	37	T	Mitchell	199.58	27/02/1960
SHARK, Mako	SA	Male	Saltwater	60	L	Hannan	249.02	28/03/1939
SHARK, Mako	SA	Male	Saltwater	3	Shane	Sanders	45.00	18/05/2011

## SA SBT records

Fish Species ↑	Aus / State	Category	Environment	Line Class	First Name	Surname	Weight	Date
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	SA	Male	Saltwater	1	George	Flourentzou	8.00	24/06/1992
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	SA	Male	Saltwater	2	George	Flourentzou	11.00	25/06/1992
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	SA	Male	Saltwater	3	George	Flourentzou	20.50	19/02/1997
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	SA	Male	Saltwater	4	George	Flourentzou	24.10	21/02/1996
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	SA	Male	Saltwater	6	David	Young	36.50	5/02/1997
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	SA	Male	Saltwater	8	George	Mitris	32.00	0/00/0000
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	SA	Male	Saltwater	10	William	Coombs	33.79	8/03/1963
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	SA	Male	Saltwater	15	Darren	Didus	114.90	24/04/2016
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	SA	Male	Saltwater	24	Michael	Pedlar	138.40	10/09/2015
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	SA	Male	Saltwater Land-based	4	Tom	Tierney	19.00	16/09/1992
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	SA	Male	Saltwater Fly	10	Barry D	Elsdon	14.20	21/04/2009
TUNA, Southern Bluefin	SA	Male	Saltwater Fly	6	David	Fent	8.48	20/05/2011



# GFAA RECORDS continued

## SA Albacore records

Fish Species ↑	Aus / State	Category	Environment	Line Class	First Name	Surname	Weight	Date
ALBACORE	SA	Male	Saltwater	6	Michael	Pedlar	23.05	9/05/1998
ALBACORE	SA	Male	Saltwater	8	Mark	Irvine	25.95	8/05/2001
ALBACORE	SA	Male	Saltwater	10	Anthony	McDonnell	28.85	12/05/2001
ALBACORE	SA	Male	Saltwater	15	Paul	Carrison	29.60	16/04/2006
ALBACORE	SA	Male	Saltwater	4	Peter	Harris	23.32	12/05/2007
ALBACORE	SA	Male	Saltwater	24	Darren	Kolpin	30.42	21/03/2007

## SA Tope records

Fish Species ↑	Aus / State	Category	Environment	Line Class	First Name	Surname	Weight	Date
TOPE	SA	Male	Saltwater	4	Gary	Clarke	22.44	7/05/2011
TOPE	SA	Male	Saltwater	6	Alan	Suter	22.60	2/06/1981
TOPE	SA	Male	Saltwater Land-based	4	Adam	Todd	19.60	19/06/2001
TOPE	SA	Male	Saltwater	3	Marcus	Pearson	26.58	21/05/2011
TOPE	SA	Male	Saltwater	8	Roger	Munn	30.42	16/09/2011
TOPE	SA	Male	Saltwater	2	Kevin	McLoughlin	12.06	5/05/2011

## SA Gummy Shark records

Fish Species ↑	Aus / State	Category	Environment	Line Class	First Name	Surname	Weight	Date
SHARK, Gummy	SA	Male	Saltwater	2	Alan	Suter	9.60	13/06/1981
SHARK, Gummy	SA	Male	Saltwater	4	Trevor	Bennett	25.00	30/04/1981
SHARK, Gummy	SA	Male	Saltwater	6	Tim	Marsh	33.00	5/10/2001
SHARK, Gummy	SA	Male	Saltwater	8	Alan	Foreman	18.00	13/03/1991
SHARK, Gummy	SA	Male	Saltwater	10	George	Flourentzou	27.00	1/03/1991
SHARK, Gummy	SA	Male	Saltwater	1	Adam	Todd	11.00	18/10/2001



# CLUB INFORMATION NIGHT

The Club ran an information night that was primarily aimed towards new members but was open to everyone. Overall, the night was a great success with approximately five new members gracing our books as a direct result of this session.

Firstly, a few thank-yous. The local Pt MacDonnell Police Officer John Carroll was kind enough to get official permission for us to conduct a demonstration of flares and he also spoke about the latest lifejacket laws. In addition he has joined up as a member.

Life Member Gary Clarke conducted a session on deep water anchoring and (at 24 hours notice) conducted the flare demonstration.

Carn Taylor spoke about basic rigs and his swordfish capture and even though he admits to having no previous experience at public speaking, did a great job.

Geoff McKinnon spoke about the weighing process and the regular mistakes that members seem to be making and how to avoid them.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to Liam & Brock McKinnon for cooking the BBQ.

The silent auction seemed to work pretty well with the majority of items changing hands.

My hope is that this type of night becomes a regular part of our Club activity and I am open to suggestions as to what other topics can be covered. Please let any committee member know if you have any suggestions.



*Top left: Gary Clarke demonstrating the use of a flare*

*Top right: Gary Clarke speaks about deep water anchoring.*

*Bottom left: John Carroll speaking about the latest lifejacket rules*



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# A NIGHT ON THE WATER I'LL NEVER FORGET

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3 June 2015 | By Carn Taylor

We had a charter that day and we had been planing on doing a sword trip very soon. We got in from chartering that day, cleaned the fish and dropped the guys off.

Wilba and I went to the tackle for some beers and food, while we where sitting there we decided that we should set sail tonight for a sword fish. Wilba rang Roxy (Mark Day) he was also keen, so we got all the gear ready and headed off around 5pm.

The weather looked good for later in the night and early morning with the full moon on as well. We decided to have a bottom bounce first. Roxy and I dropped down and only landed a few swimmers.

The weather started to change and the rain came in fast, but we kept fishing for a while. We then started to discuss if we should make the journey out to this mark that we have been mapping for quite some time now.

We knew the weather was supposed to improve, so we set sail for the night I'll never forget.

Wilba (skipper) was driving the boat out there and Roxy and I were getting the deck ready rigging baits etc.

When we arrived at the spot, the weather backed off and near went to glass - it was the perfect condition. We set the sword bait (big squid) 50m under the boat with two flashing lights on it, the time was then around 12am.

We then got two electric reels out to try for a blue eye. I had only just got mine to the bottom and then heard the tiagra 80w start to peel off line. Wilba and I looked at each other in shock. I hit the button on the electric reel to bring it up and ran over to my sword rod.

It took a bit of line and on the next little run I set the hook. We were hooked up to something BIG! At this time there was that much stuff going through my head: "Are my knots good? Is the line good?"

After two hours the fish had a good run, taking a fair bit of line. It was taking me from one side to the other a fair bit. After another two hours and 15 mins, I saw the sword bill for the first time and I could not believe my eyes.

I yelled out to the boys, it's here! Roxy quickly ran down with the gaff and Wilba leaded it up nicely so that Roxy could have a nice gaff shot. We put another gaff in the sword and pulled it on board Wilba's boat, Tharah).

I remember jumping around with the boys thinking "I cant believe this has happened out the front of home (Port MacDonnell).

After 4 hours and 15 minutes on the rod, we packed everything up and headed for home, arriving in Port Mac at 6am. There were a few people waiting to see the sword we just landed.

Mark Moods organised to get the tracker to lift it off the boat and take it to the scales. We walked across with it and we could see people stopping in their cars to look.

We put it up on the scales and it went to 154.7kgs What a beast!

Cheers to Wilba and Roxy for great work and quick thinking! What a way to have a first trip off Port Mac chasing swords, since then we have done many trips out there for only big eye thresher shark and portbeagles.

I wanted a sword for two to three years before this day and I was going to fly to Florida and charter a boat with Nick Stanczyk. Nowadays, Lakes Entrance is the place to be at.

**Cheers, Chuchi**



# SECRET CODES OF SOME PMOAC MEMBERS

Phrase		Real meaning
Blue Grenadier	is code for	Blue Grenadier
I got a fat one	is code for	Bass
I got a thin one	is code for	Hapuka
I got a small red one	is code for	Ocean Perch
I got a floppy one	is code for	Blue Shark
I got a Viagra fish	is code for	Green Gurnard (one prick And the swelling stays up for a week)
I Got A Big One	is code for	Big Eye
A Viagra fish got me	is code for	Now I got big one
How ya doing over there?	is code for	We got fish over here
Have better luck at home	is code for	The Mrs will be impressed with this swelling
Not much off the bottom today	is code for	We got fish too + ours are bigger than yours
Pricks	is code for	Pricks
We're heading	is code for	Got a boat load, going home
We won't be far behind ya	is code for	We got more than you
Lunch break	is code for	Change channel so these other pricks can't hear us
Tuna 9	is code for	22 - 38
22 - 38	is code for	38-22-403 140-38-128
Come over here, I guarantee you'll catch fish	is code for	Barracouta are taking all our lures
We're down to the west	is code for	We're down to the east
Tuna on deck	is code for	Decki eats tuna sandwich
What colour lures ya using?	is code for	We can't catch a thing
Don't come too close we're hooked up to something big	is code for	Hooked up to a seal
Got sperm whale over here	is code for	The prick's playing with himself
Just landed a tuna, it would go 50kg at least	is code for	Got a sperm whale over here
Give us your coordinates	is code for	There's 20 boats heading your way
Could you repeat that ? (six times)	is code for	Just follow the other boats



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# THE YABBIE

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## Also known as Crawfish, Freshwater Crayfish

Yabbies are freshwater crayfish which are distinguished from others by having four low ridges along the head and a short smooth rostrum. Their claws are broad and spade-like, with serrations along their inner edge. The claws are sometimes covered with a matt of fine hairs. Body colour ranges from pale to dark brown and there is a distinctive mottled pattern on the outer edge of the claws.



Yabbies are widely distributed throughout central and southern inland Australia. There is also a translocated population in the south-west of Western Australia.

Temperature limits for yabbies are between 0°C and 36°C. Yabbies can survive periods of drought by burrowing in damp soil and they remain in their burrows until the next rains.

Yabbies spawn from October to March, with peak activity between December and February. Spawning is induced by an increase in day length and water temperature (above 15°C) It is not uncommon to find 1000 eggs on a large female.

Following spawning, the female carries the eggs under her tail, where they incubate for 3 weeks.

Like all crustaceans, yabbies have to moult as they grow. The frequency of this decreasing as they grow older. Weight can increase by up to 50% with each moult.

Feeding activity peaks at dusk and dawn. Their diet is mainly detritus, plant material and small invertebrates. Yabbies are cannibalistic and smaller animals often are eaten by larger animals. Yabbies are also preyed on by fish, water rats, fresh water tortoises and water birds. Water birds, particularly Cormorants, can be a major pest in commercial aquaculture Operations.

Yabbies are fished commercially. They are taken wild, but there is an increase in farming yabbies.

## How to tell the difference between male and female yabbies

Females have rings on their third last pair of walking legs. Males have short projections on last pair of walking legs. Males are generally larger than females, and females are broader in the tail.

## Did you know?

Yabbies have virtually NO FAT (0.12%) and virtually NO CHOLESTEROL.

*See next page for a great yabby recipe!*



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# THE YABBIE continued

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## A great yabbie recipe

### Ingredients

1kg yabbies, cooked fresh and peeled. If yabbies can't be sourced, prawns are a great substitute.

2 cloves garlic crushed large

1 cup chicken stock (liquid)

1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tbs white wine

1/2 cup cream

100 g butter

1 tbs plain flour

1/2 tsp mustard powder

1 tbs parsley flaked

### Equipment

1 frying pan

### Method

Heat butter and garlic in fry pan.

Add flour and stir until combined. Remove from heat.

Gradually add chicken stock, cream, parsley flakes and wine, and stir until combined.

Return pan to heat and stir until the sauce thickens and boils.

Add mustard and season with cracked black pepper and sea salt.

Bring the sauce to boil and add yabbies.

Cook until yabbies are hot. Do not over cook.



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# COOKING WITH FISH

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## Sesame seared tuna with soy dipping sauce



**Serves 4**

**Ready in 20 minutes**

Easy tuna steaks coated with sesame seeds and quickly seared.

You could also cook them on the barbecue.

This Japanese-inspired dish is served rare, so be sure your tuna is fresh and of good quality.

### Ingredients

3 tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon mirin (Japanese sweet wine)

1 tablespoon honey

2 tablespoons sesame oil

1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar

4 tuna steaks

5 tablespoons sesame seeds

Wasabi paste

1 tablespoon olive oil

### Preparation method

**Prep: 15 minutes | Cook: 5 minutes**

In a small bowl, stir together the soy sauce, mirin, honey and sesame oil. Divide into two equal parts. Stir the rice vinegar into one part and set aside as a dipping sauce.

Spread the sesame seeds out on a plate. Coat the tuna steaks with the remaining soy sauce mixture, then press into the sesame seeds to coat on both sides.

Heat olive oil in a cast iron frying pan over high heat until very hot. Place steaks in the frying pan, and sear for about 30 seconds on each side or cook to desired taste.

Serve with the dipping sauce and wasabi paste.

*Website: [www.allrecipes.com.au/recipe/2212/](http://www.allrecipes.com.au/recipe/2212/)*

*Recipe by: NEWORLEANSGIGLET*



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# COOKING WITH FISH continued

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## Baked flathead with prosciutto, tomato and parsley



**Serves 4**

### Ingredients

- 50g butter, for greasing
- 2 large onions, thinly sliced
- 4 large potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 litre Fish Stock
- 8 flathead fillets, or 4 halved fillets if large, skin on
- 8 slices prosciutto
- 3 vine-ripened tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup flat-leaf (Italian) parsley leaves, roughly chopped

### Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C.

Grease a baking dish with the butter.

Lay the onion slices evenly over the base of the dish, then layer the potato slices over the onion. Lightly season with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Pour the stock over and bake for 25 minutes, or until the potato is tender.

Meanwhile, neatly trim the flathead fillets and remove as many bones as you can.

Remove the baking dish from the oven and drape the prosciutto over the potato. Lay the fish fillets on top.

Return to the oven and bake for a further 6–8 minutes, or until the fish is just cooked through.

Sprinkle the chopped tomato and parsley over. Serve from the baking dish at the table.

*Website: [www.foodwise.com.au/recipes/baked-flathead-with-prosciutto-tomato-parsley/](http://www.foodwise.com.au/recipes/baked-flathead-with-prosciutto-tomato-parsley/)  
Recipe and image from Salt Grill by Luke Mangan*



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# FISHING JOKES

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**Brock:** What kind of music should you listen to while fishing?

**Liam:** Beats me.

**Brock:** Something catchy!

**Game warden:** Didn't you see the no-fishing sign, son?

**Geoff:** I'm not fishing, sir. I'm teaching these worms how to swim!

**Tuna:** Why do fish swim in schools?

**Tocca:** I don't know.

**Tuna:** Because they can't walk!

**Hoody:** Why is it so easy to weigh fish?

**Glen:** I don't know. Why?

**Hoody:** Because they have their own scales!

**Dean:** Where do fish keep their money?

**Tommy:** Where?

**Dean:** In a riverbank.

**Whanny:** How do you communicate with a fish?

**Bummer:** I don't know.

**Whanny:** Drop it a line!

**Bart:** What does every fisherman want?

**Geoff:** What?

**Bart:** A girlfriend.

**Sonia:** Did you hear about the fight at the seafood restaurant?

**Richard:** No, what happened?

**Sonia:** Two fish got battered!

**Carn:** What do fish and women have in common?

**Brock:** They both stop shaking their tale after you catch them!

**Liam:** What did the fish say when it hit a concrete wall

**Tuna:** "Dam!"

**Tocca:** Why are fish so smart?

**Hoody:** Because they swim in schools!

**Glen:** What did one hillbilly say to another?

**Dean:** I got a new fly rod and reel for my wife ... best trade I ever made!



# HOW TO FILLET A FISH



## Liam's five-step guide

A filleted fish has its skin and bones removed before cooking. Scaling isn't necessary.

Fillet knives have a long, thin, blade that's very sharp and specifically designed for filleting fish.

Follow the instructions below to learn how to fillet a fish step-by-step:

1. An adult should always supervise young anglers as they learn to fillet. A fillet knife is dangerous and must be handled safely. If you have any slime on your hands or the knife handle, wash it off to prevent slipping. Always keep your hands behind the blade.
2. To fillet a fish, lay it on its side on a flat surface. Unlike the cut described for preparing whole fish, filleting fish requires you to cut the fish behind its gills and pectoral fin, but only to the rib cage. Neither scaling nor removing the head is necessary.
3. If not removing the head, turn the blade toward the tail and cut along the top of the ribs using the fish's backbone to guide you. Turn the fish over and repeat steps 2 and 3.
4. Next, insert the knife blade close to the rib bones and slice the entire rib section of each fillet away. Then, with the skin side down, insert the knife blade about a 1/2-inch from the tail. Gripping this tail part firmly, put the blade between the skin and the meat at an angle. Using a little pressure and a sawing motion, cut against - not through - the skin. The fillet will be removed from the skin.
5. Wash each fillet in cold water. Pat dry with a clean cloth or paper towel. The fillets are ready to cook or freeze.



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