

Southern Zone

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COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS ... FEBRUARY 2010

CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

SPECIES	WHT	LINE	S/J	ANGLER	BOAT	CLUB	PTS
MARLIN							
Black	118	24	S/M	Ryan Lindsay	Keep It Reel	Kiama	5
Striped	93.3	24	S/M	Jason Gardner	Air Born	Shellharbour	4
Striped	72.9	10	S/M	Wade Hamilton	Jackawhy	Shellharbour	3
SHARK							
Mako	331.8	15	S/M	Peter Ryan	Outcast	Shoalhaven	5
TUNA							
OGF							
S/B S/Fish	33.1	24	S/M	Ian Killmore	Snoop n Round	Shellharbour	5

CAPTURES : MOST MERITORIOUS

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CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH :

Shellharbour	25
Shoalhaven	10
Kiama	9

TAG & RELEASE POINTS FOR MONTH

"Dorado"	Batemans Bay	21000	5
"Intrepid"	Kiama	20000	3.5
"Finally"	Shellharbour	20000	3.5
"Impulsive"	Batemans Bay	11500	1.5
"Mr Hooker"	Bermagui	11500	1.5

PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2008-2009

Shoalhaven	144
Shellharbour	100
Bermagui	45
Kiama	38
Batemans Bay	19
Jervis Bay	16
Ulladulla	9
Narooma	9
Canberra	6
Merimbula	1

PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2008-2009

Bermagui	26
Batemans Bay	24.5
Shellharbour	17.5
Jervis Bay	11
Shoalhaven	9.5
Canberra	5
Eden	5
Kiama	4.5
Ulladulla	4
Merimbula	4

The Southern Zone Interclub is next weekend and I hope you all have heaps of boats fishing it out of your own ports. This is the ideal opportunity to show what you are made of and rack up some points for your Club. Please make sure that the entry forms are sent in on time.

The dinner will be in the form of a barbeque this year and I know Batemans Bay GFC are doing their utmost to make it a great night.

We had some horrible news a couple of weeks ago in that Prue McMahon, Gail and Don's daughter, was diagnosed with leukaemia. She was taken straight to Westmead Children's Hospital and will be undergoing intensive treatment for the next six months there. I know you will all join me in sending her our very best wishes and positive thoughts.

Gail and Don have been bed hopping near the hospital for the past few weeks and are worn out both mentally and physically. I called in on my way back from Port Stephens and they had just moved her into Ronald McDonald House which was a pleasant change, but she will be back in the main hospital again now undergoing further treatment.

For those of you who don't know her, Prue is a mad keen fisher and would much prefer to be fishing than at school. I have witnessed many a plea for her to be allowed to go fishing instead of classes! Got Julian Pepperell to autograph his new book for her so she can read up on all the species and plan when she can get her next Marlin.

When news like this hits, you realise just how insignificant other things are and that good health far outweighs the biggest fish!

Another sad note is that Tony Tonini, "Grommet" Ulladulla, had a massive stroke while at Port Stephens for the NSWGFA Interclub and passed away this week. Deepest condolences go to his son Andrew aka Grommet and family.

The NSWGFA Interclub was another great success and it was terrific to see some Southern Zone faces there. Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Ulladulla and Bermagui were represented in both tag and release and capture. Melmet Huseyin, representing Bermagui was awarded one of the newly minted gold medals which bear the name of Tom Roach. He took out the most tag and release by a small fry category.

Phil Lamond, Shellharbour and Rebecca Finney, Shoalhaven were our two juniors on the NSWGFA Junior Team at the Interclub. Their team tagged two Marlin which was terrific. The weather was not too good on the first day and I hear there were a few on board (not just the kids) who were not feeling too good but it is an experience that I am sure will be remembered.

There was the usual mixture of big (and I mean BIG) and small boats jockeying for position in the "carpark". No wonder lines get tangled when there are just so many boats in such a small area! With the new line class points there was a definite move to lighter line and also a lot of fish lost. The majority of fish were tagged and the number weighed was certainly down. The heaviest shark was a Tiger of 418.00kg taken by a junior female angler from Lake Macquarie and the heaviest Marlin was 118.5kg. Lake Macquarie took out overall club capture and Newcastle Port Stephens did it again in tag and release.

Stay safe and have fun.

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