



NEWSLETTER

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Last month the club **elected a new committee**—well the outgoing committee was re-elected. Well done.

The **Cape Canaveral** (letting off flares) at Souths went well—see story herein with pics.

Belinda Rayment has gotten off to a flyer in this fishing year with a **huge tiger shark**—story and pics in here somewhere.

The **boat ramp at Oatley Bay** has taken a set back. A section of the ramp has been cut off and removed—it looks as if it is being replaced. Photos are hereabouts.

It was mentioned last month of **ANSA's 50th birthday**—well that's next year (2017) and very early days for details. Will let you know when it is happening. Some are talking of travelling up and making a holiday of it. Cairns and St George were the first two sportfishing clubs formed.

The **Sussex fishing trip** has been and gone - a report and pics are include.

The EAR

The **paint has been bought**, paint rollers and brushes resurrected from the shed—a new lounge has been ordered—it's all happenin' at Penshurst.

And Maria is on the countdown 50 more teaching days left 'till retirement!



Wayne Colling (**South West Rocks**) advises the river bar at South West Rocks is still shallow. He said the council has just been re-elected and is he expects little to change.

All that is outstanding is the **sewage assessors report** to have the long awaited swimming pool at Carlingford started. Yvonne is beside herself with this news.

Speaking to another fisho at the not-quite-finished boat ramp at Oatley Bay he was a bit critical of the design of the ramp. Seems the NSW Government gave Kogarah Council (now Georges River Council) \$200,000 towards the cost of the ramp upgrade. The upgrade has involved the lengthening of the ramp proper into the water, filling in the storm water drain between the ramp and the pontoon bridge and the replacement of the pontoon.

However he observed the pontoon is only a bit larger than its predecessor and still accessed by a bridge from the elevated plinth to one side. The drain between the old ramp and the plinth has been filled in, but rocks – approx 600mm (2ft) diameter have been placed on the sand just off the edge of the ramp on the opposite side.

The issues are access to the pontoon having launched a boat and access to/from the beach having run the boat up there.

Why oh why he said wasn't a standard grey/yellow pontoon as used on most ramps these days not installed?

Birthday people for October

7th Bev Giller	15th Debbie Logan
12th Lorraine Simpson	22nd Errol Davis
12th Karen Maltby	23rd Mary Worsley
13th Mikaela Crebert (Giller)	26th Maria Zac

Coming Events - *the detail*

- 6 Oct **General meeting** at the Masonic Club, Roberts Rd Mortdale at 7.30. Our guest speaker is to be ANSA NSW President **Stan Konstantaras** who will cover a number of topics—see Preso's report in the adjacent column. Stan is always a great speaker and extremely knowledgeable on NSW fishing matters as well as being not a bad fisherman himself.
- 15 Oct **Club beach fishing outing.** Has been postponed due to the proximity of the NSW Gone Fishing Day being held tomorrow.
- 16 Oct **NSW Gone Fishing Day.** Fish anywhere but you will need to log on the day before and be present at Souths club house by 2.30pm for the measure – up, presentation and lunch. This event is not only for club members but your family and friends. There is no entry charge at all. See page 4 for more
- The club has organised a number of potential new members that might need some tuition with fishing. Details will be emailed when finalised.
- 30 Oct **Club Botany Bay/Bate Bay outing.** We will be launching at Hole in the Wall, Hawkesbury Reserve, Hawkesbury Ave, Sylvania between 8-8.30am.
- Fish the area with maps provided for last outing (or your own choice).
- Meet at Frenchman's Bay La Perouse 12.30 for coffee and bragging rights.
- Entrants MUST sign on with Ron Camp 0402816273 or add their names to the sign on sheet at the next club meeting.
- 4-6 Nov Burrinjuck Convention—see page 4

The SICK List

Peter Mortel has been in hospital for a short stint but now home and recovering. Helen reckons he can resume house duties any time now.

Don Rayment has been a bit crook but is on the way to recovery.

Warwick Lamotte is having an eye operation at Westmead on 28 Sept, we wish you well Warwick. Warwick's phone is 4324 2996

From our last meeting

Marcus from Hunts Marine was our guest speaker for the evening. Marcus brought with him a number of old and new sounders/chart plotters.



Included was an ancient Furuno paper sounder. These were probably the forerunner of the current devices now available. The Furuno was approximately the size of 2 house bricks on edge (and just as heavy). The device sent a signal through the transducer to the bottom of wherever you are and bounced back via the transducer. A mark was made on the paper which indicated the depth. A series of these marks showed the contour of the bottom. Fish were identified also by a mark on the paper. GPS was not available.

Times have changed.

The present range of devices available now are known as sonar/chart plotters. These are a combined sounder and a chart plotter utilising GPS.

The chart plotter as well as utilising GPS has charts available to the user which shows the GPS co-ordinates, navigation beacons, your present position and track taken to get you there. These charts can be built in or available by downloading. Enhanced charts are available.

The sonar section is now available with side scan as well as the normal down scan. This enable a view to the side of the track being taken and can show in more detail any snag or more detail of the reef you might be looking for. Fish are shown in more detail – even flathead said Marcus – seems the sonar picks up the air bladder of the fish!

Marcus was able to demonstrate most of the above on the largest of the units he brought along as it was easily seen by all at the meeting. He suggested however this unit was for larger boats and maybe a bit too large for a kayak.

Marcus was thanked for his presentation. He offered to assist any club member with their devices simply by calling him anytime on 0412.... ha ha, he said not on my mobile – call me at work please on the Hunts Marine phone number. He suggested we should mention our fishing club at the time of purchase to receive 10% discount on most goods in accessories (not electronics though).

Thank you Marcus

Our new committee—actually re-elected at the AGM



Dennis Simpson our current president has been re-elected as President.



Peter Logan has been re-elected Vice President,



John Everett has been re-elected Secretary.



Chris Holland has been re-elected Treasurer.



Belinda Rayment remains as our ever reliable and competent Fishing Recorder.



Ron Camp has been re-elected as Outings Officer.



Andrew Perros will continue as a committee member.



Phil Turner will continue as our scales verifier



Clark Kent as Newsletter editor.



from our President



The AGM saw the re-election of committee members for the ensuing year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all committee members for their work and for their support.

Following the AGM, Marcus from Hunt's Marine gave an excellent presentation on fishfinder/sounder and chartplotters. Using Lowrance units he was able to show members present how to obtain the best results for required functions. He also referenced other units such as Furuno, Garmin and Hummingbird taking questions from the floor.

Members also took advantage for a one on one discussion of issues before and after the presentation.

The flare demonstration on Sept 7 saw only five members attend. Under the control of RMS we were able to observe and set off flares. It was interesting to note that some old flares were ineffective lasting only seconds or did not operate at all. Also of note was the possibility of serious burns if not handled properly. Do you know what to do in an emergency?

The time at Sussex Inlet has come and gone. Many thanks to our Sussex members Don and Carol who provide us with current local knowledge and do all the preliminaries for the Sussex Classic on the Saturday. Don is not well at all but took time to assist. Get well soon Don.

A separate report will be provided on our time there.

At our next meeting on Oct 6, Stan Konstantaras of ANSA and ARFF will give an update on the Newtag program and on current developments impacting on recreational fishing.

A preliminary report on the Hawkesbury Shelf Biodiversity Region should be released a few days before our meeting. As advised earlier this year, some nine locations in the Botany Bay and Port Hacking areas were identified for marine reserves with potential lockout or restriction on recreational fishing. Stan continues to work hard for recreational anglers and needs to know of our position on particular issues. Please come along and hear Stan present issues which have the potential to impact on our ability to fish.

I look forward to seeing you on the night

Good fishing

Dennis

Fishing Reports

Sorry Bill, but other than Sussex Inlet I haven't been out. John Everett was going to do a report on Sussex. My spies tell me that there are still EPs about. They have been getting fish to 48cm on lures after dark with by catch of Mulloway to 85cm. I am hoping to take Brendan and Daniel out tomorrow and will give you a report if we have any success.

Bob (Mc Mahon)

And the follow up—Four hours, a bucket of worms, no legal fish.

Hi Bill,

We don't normally do much fishing at this time of year.....winter was disappointing as the water temp didn't drop (again) enough to get any decent numbers of tailor.

Josh has started chasing a few bass again, now that the season is open.

The bar will always be shallow.....we have been waiting 20 years for a bit of dredging. Anything from Council? Yep, they have been re-elected, so nothing changes.....

Cheers, Wayne (Colling) South West Rocks

Some nostalgia - from 1971 October Newsletter

"Presentation Night"

The recent presentation night held at the Sydney Game Fishing Club just had to be one of the most successful club nights ever. Members from Sydney, St George and Nowra turned up to receive the spoils of war and to hear a talk by Dr Francois, Director of State Fisheries.

Dr Francois was absolutely honest and, at times, devastatingly frank in his replies to questions put by the various members. He handled some very difficult questions put by some pretty tough customers, and acquitted himself in a manner which earned the respect of everyone present.

One very interesting point underlined by Dr Francois is something we may well put on our agenda for immediate attention. When faced with complaints that pollution and professional fishing were depleting

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Gone Fishing Day 16 October 2016

St George along with Souths are participating in this national day.



The day will comprise fishing in the morning, followed by a measure-up of your fish by 2.30pm at Souths club house. All entries go into the lucky draw, followed by a **free spit BBQ** with salads and the like.

Now to participate you need to register – this is more for the catering but also for the prizes

So the timing of all this is:

- Register by emailing Bill Harvey on bill.harvey@optusnet.com.au by **10 October** (register wife and kids to fish or just to come for the lunch)
- If you are unable to fish for any reason why not register and come for lunch – wear club shirt
- If boat fishing, launch anywhere at any time or if fishing beach or rocks, **Start 5am, Lines up 1pm**
- Be back at Souths by **2.30 pm latest** and have your fish measured to be in the lucky draw
- one only fish or photo per species, per angler, but over as many of the listed species as you can.
- Photos must be shown in person to weigh-master for date verification. Legal lengths apply for each species, if applicable.
- All entries will go into a lucky draw for a great prize in each category
- Take note of the **Eligible Species**:



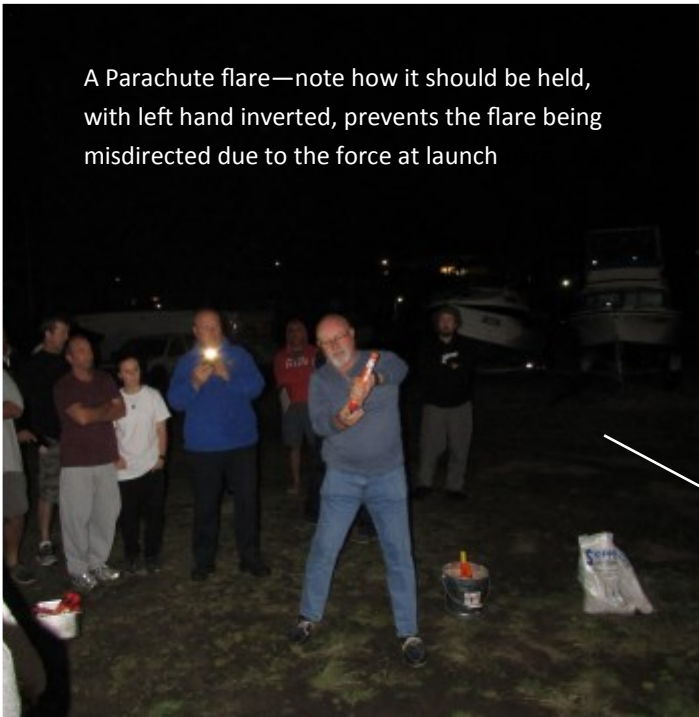
Yakka squid flathead bream luderick kingfish whiting trevally



A night-time flare



A smoke flare—for daytime use



A Parachute flare—note how it should be held, with left hand inverted, prevents the flare being misdirected due to the force at launch



whoosh



A fizzer—out of date flare



Joe—oops!

Sussex Classic and Outing

Another successful week at Sussex saw some great weather, notable captures and excellent socialising at Mounties Resort. Water temperature was in the 17-18° range, with water clarity down a bit due to recent rains. We were able to fish all week except for Thursday, which was affected by heavy winds.

Generally bait did not seem to work this year, recording only about 10% of the captures (although some good ones), whilst plastics appeared the better option. Although there were reported Ludderic about, we did not have the time to give them a try (maybe that's a next year commitment). We had to chase the fish, as our recognised normal spots did not fire as they usually do. Nevertheless, the results were good for the amount of fishers taking part.

The Saturday Classic \$50 BCF voucher winners were Trevor Dean with a solid 59cm flathead caught on plastics and Brad Sutton with a bait caught and released 39cm bream. Overall 51 legal fish were caught during our stay, with Alana Sutton and Bob McMahon showing everyone up by catching legal flathead, bream, whiting and flounder off the wharf!

Generally, a great week, with some convivial company and memorable fishing. For those wishing to fish the area, Mounties provides a good base, with mooring areas, cabins, pool, B.B.Q area and tennis courts. Whilst not an advertisement for Mount Pritchard Community Club, their members can hire the cabins during the year with specials at reduced rates often available.

Some good captures were: Brad – bream 39cm, Bob - tailor 45cm, Trevor – flathead 59cm, snapper 39cm, Dennis – salmon 62cm, John – flathead 65cm, bream 37cm.

John Everett



This is *some* shark

Belinda and I fished the first round of the NSW GFA Central Zone Championship last Saturday. With the tuna reports of them being few and far between we had been preparing to shark fish this weekend for a couple of months, securing burley, buying new traces and getting tips from experienced shark fishermen.

With the boat loaded up with almost 200kg of burley we set off for the 100 fathom line on Saturday morning in glorious conditions. In the first hour we had whales playing around the boat, almost close enough to touch, inquisitively swimming around us as they migrate south.

A small mako of just over a metres made an appearance, only to be too small to swallow the hook and the baits we had set. We drifted due south at just over a knot laying a good unbroken slick and at 3pm our long bait on 15kg tackle went off - and it was soon obviously it was not a small fish. My hopes of Belinda fighting and me tagging what we had hooked without leaving our slick soon disappeared as we were losing line fast for almost 10 minutes. Belinda increased the drag pressure 'above the button' and we started chasing the fish and making a bit of the 500m or so of line we had lost back. At this stage we had not seen the fish but I thought we were fighting a big mako - common this time of year, or possibly a tiger shark - very early in the season for them.

The fight continued for 90 minutes, Belinda doing an awesome job on the rod. With darkness in just over an hour and no sign of an end in sight we decided to push the drag all the way up to 'sunset'. The fight continued and I once had my hand on the trace but couldn't get a wrap on it before the fish powered away. We still didn't know what it was.

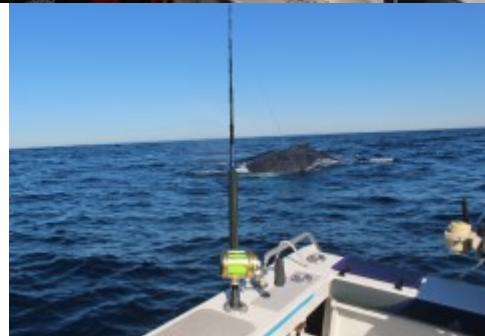
30 minutes later, after 2 ½ hours, the double emerged from the water behind the boat and up came a BIG tiger shark - backwards. My first thought was that it was tail wrapped, but as it got closer and I started taking a wrap on the trace I could see it was hooked in the tail - the circle hook locked into the tail and not easily going to come out. The fish kicked as I got it close to the boat, almost taking me flying over the back corner of the boat into the water. I managed to hold on and the fish settled. Belinda then spent 5 minutes trying to get a tag in - bending two tag pole tips and ruining numerous shark tags that just wouldn't go through the skin of the fish. We finally got a tag into the belly of the fish.

We had talked about taking one big shark when the opportunity arose. Thinking about it we decided there was never a better opportunity, with a tail rope all that was needed to secure the capture at the boat.

We spent 30 minutes getting the boat organised and the fish secured for the trip home, which took 3 hours at 6 knots, the engine labouring with the weight. At 8:30pm we arrived at the RMYC in Port Hacking where mates had set up the crane and scales, and a crowd of onlookers had gathered on the wharf. As the fish was lifted out of the water, it just kept coming - 3.5m long and pulling the scales down to 292.5kg! We were stunned. A 1,560 ANSA Point capture.

We may tag, but will probably never capture a fish of any kind this big ever again. The jaws will be preserved and the memory will live with us forever of an amazing day.

Regards, Bruce



The **Burrinjuck Convention** has become an integral event on the ANSA Fishing Calendar.

This is the **42nd** year that the Canberra Fisherman's Club has run the event.

Again this year we would like to extend an invitation not only to all ANSA clubs but to all fishing people and families alike to join us at Burrinjuck Waters State Park for a great weekend of fishing, socialising and fun.

When: Friday, 4th November to Sunday, 6th November 2016.

This is a catered event and entries include Dinner on Friday evening, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on Saturday, Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday (**no un-catered entry available**).

Rego Type	Entry Fee
Single senior entry (16 years and over)	\$75.00
Single junior entry (under 16 years as of 1 July 2016)	\$35.00
Family entry (Includes 2 parents & 2 juniors under 16 years of age as of 1 July 2016)	\$155.00
Addition juniors (under 16 years as of 1 July 2016)	\$25.00

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Individual awards (Open to all)

Individual anglers are eligible to compete for all awards:

- **Heaviest Carp** – Senior & Junior
- **Heaviest Redfin** - Senior & Junior
- **Mystery Weight** - (Junior only)
- **Native Catch and Release** Highest Aggregate score (Length only)
- **Heaviest Native** - Senior & Junior
- **Heaviest Salmonoid** - Senior & Junior
- **Champion Family**

AWARD FOR ANSA AFFILIATED CLUB MEMBERS ONLY

St George Inter-Club Trophy and ANSA Convention Circuit

ANSA affiliated members can earn points for their club and the ANSA Convention Circuit in the following way. The five (5) highest point scoring fish in each of the following categories will accrue points towards your Club's overall tally and the ANSA Convention Circuit:

Carp Senior Male, Carp Senior Female, Carp Junior Male, Carp Junior Female,
Native Senior, Native Junior

Points will be awarded on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis and the Club accruing the most points over all of the sections will be deemed the Champion Club for the Convention

Burrinjuck Bell (Perpetual Trophy) (Club)

This will be awarded on the same basis as the St George Inter-Club Trophy.

Individual Awards

Highest Point-scoring Carp - Senior Male	Highest Point-scoring Carp - Junior Male
Highest Point-scoring Carp - Senior Female	Highest Point-scoring Carp - Junior Female
Highest Point-scoring Native – Senior	Highest Point-scoring Native – Junior
Highest point scoring fish - Flycasting	Highest point scoring fish - Lurecasting

Ranger's Trophy (individual)

Highest individual aggregate score based on the angler's highest point scoring fish of each eligible specie

Note: Fish can be weighed in live if the angler wishes to release the fish

ACCOMMODATION A range of accommodation is available from the [Burrinjuck Waters State Park](#), details and bookings of which may be made through the Park office by phoning (02) 6227 8114

More information can be found by downloading the following documents [Full Terms and Conditions](#) [General Entry forms](#)

[ANSA Club forms](#) **ONLINE ENTRIES ARE AVAILABLE AT Canberra Fisherman's Club website**

All entries and payments must be received by: **COB Wednesday, 2nd November 2016**

Entries will be accepted at the event but prior arrangement would be appreciated.

Gone Fishing Day 2016

South Sydney AFA & St George Sportfishing Club



Sunday 16th October 2016

Start: 5am

Lines up: 1pm

Weigh in: Must be back at SSAFA Club House no later than 2.30pm
to present fish or photos.

Categories: BREAM FLATHEAD LUDERICK KINGFISH
 TREVALLY WHITING SQUID YAKKA

Anglers are to bring back to the weigh-master one only fish or photo per species, per angler, but over as many of the listed species as you can.

Photos must be shown in person to weigh-master for date verification.

All entries will go into a lucky draw for a great prize in each category.

Legal lengths apply for each species, if applicable.

Free entry, but you must register the individual names with your Clubs coordinator.

A free Spit BBQ for all attendee's from 2.30pm

SSAFA: berenicerowley@yahoo.com

St George: bill.harvey@optusnet.com.au

South Sydney Club is located on the corner of Macquarie Street & Hastings Avenue, Chifley, 2036.

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October 2016

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

<info=rfansw.com.au@mail163.atl81.rsgsv.net>

This is worth opening and reading of things of interest pertaining to recreational fishing.

Continued from Nostalgia...

fish stocks in Sydney waters, the Dr. made it perfectly clear that the major concern of his department was not the netting or pollution - both of which were classified as being reversible factors - but reclamation, which is an immediate problem threatening to wipe out our vital fish nurseries, and a problem which is completely irreversible.

We need to give this a lot of thought, for this is a matter on which ANSA can act constructively to make a significant contribution to the future of our sport."



Line of rocks extending alongside the ramp

Ron Calcutt Publicity Officer

Oatley Bay boat ramp being repaired following final inspection. It had been completed and the contractor had moved off-site.



Phil offering nibblies



A few pics from the Oldies and Retirees
Spring picnic

CLUB RECORDER'S REPORT - September 2016

Certificates issued in September, events between 22 August and 24 September

Congratulations to Debbie Logan on her **Masters capture certificates** last month:

Deborah Logan – All Tackle Species – Yellowfin Bream #4 410mm

CAA pts 5



Master Angler Award

Phil Turner has been awarded his **Master 30 Angler Award** for captures of Sharks in the Length Based Species Division. Phil's 21st capture in the division was in March 2015 - a 995mm Shark off Cronulla. He made his 30th capture in February 2016. Congratulations Phil on a fabulous achievement.

Master Angler Award

Karen Maltby has been awarded her **Master 10 Angler Award** in the Length Only Division. Karen's 1st capture in the division was in October 2009 – a 650mm Spangled Emperor caught in Magnetic Island, Qld. She made her 10th capture in November 2015 – a Dusky Flathead of 862mm.

Karen has also been awarded her **Master 10 Angler Award** in the Sportfishing Division. Karen's 1st capture in the division was in October 2008 – a Silver Trevally of 0.77kg on 1kg caught in Botany Bay. She made her 10th capture in February 2016 – a Tailor of 1.15kg on 1kg. Congratulations Karen on achieving these two awards.

Sussex Inlet Classic

The 2016 Sussex Classic was held on Sunday 11th September. Congratulations to our winners:

Longest Bream – Brad Sutton at 390mm

CAA pts 3

Longest Flathead – Trevor Dean at 590mm

CAA pts 3

CHAMPION ANGLER AWARD 2016/17 - END SEPTEMBER

MENS		LADIES		JUNIORS		Non-NSW	
Ray Agius	4	Belinda Rayment	8	no entries	-	no entries	-
Brad Sutton	3	Debbie Logan	5				
Trevor Dean	3						

The club's own **length only competition** for Flathead, Snapper and Salmon (Division 1) and Bream, Whiting and Tailor (Division 2) is now underway so let me know of any captures you make.

DIVISION 1 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2016/17

Updated as at: 24/9/2016

Angler	Best Flathead - Length (mm)	Best Snapper - Length (mm)	Best Salmon - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
John Everett	650	310	-	960
Trevor Dean	590	370	-	960
Dennis Simpson	-	-	620	620
Bob McMahon	580	-	-	580
Peter Logan	-	-	560	560

DIVISION 2 - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2016/17

Updated as at: 24/9/2016

Angler	Best Bream - Length (mm)	Best Whiting - Length (mm)	Best Tailor - Length (mm)	Combined length (mm)
Peter Logan	380	-	380	760
Debbie Logan	410	-	330	740
Bob McMahon	-	-	460	460
Brendan McMahon	-	-	440	440
Brad Sutton	390	-	-	390
John Everett	370	-	-	370
Trevor Dean	320	-	-	320

ANSA News

There is a new form for this year's ANSA NSW 12 month competition. No entries will be accepted on the old form, so please make sure you are using the correct form so that you don't miss the 35 day limit for entries. I have included a copy of the new form in this newsletter

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

Belinda



ANSA N.S.W 12 MONTH COMPETITION ENTRY FORM



Date Received by State Recorder: ____/____/____

Angler: _____ Club: _____

ANSA No: _____ DOB (jnr & sub-jnr): _____ Phone: _____

Weight Captures:

Was Pre-Test or Factory Pre-Test line used in these captures (circle) **Yes / No**

If Pre-Test or Factory Pre-Test line **was not used** in the captures, a 5 metre line sample must be provided with this entry form.

Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Weight	Line Class	Division 1-15

Tag & Release:

Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Tag Number

Length Captures:

Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Division 17-25	Length (mm)

ANGLERS DECLARATION

I _____, declare that this capture was made by me, and weighed or measured on an appropriate device, in accordance with ANSA rules.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

WITNESS TO WEIGHT / MEASUREMENT

I _____, certify that I witnessed the weighing or measuring of the capture.

CLUB RECORDER

I _____, declare that the captures listed above have been authenticated in accordance with ANSA rules.

Notes for LENGTH captures:

1. Fish to be measured length overall i.e.: end of tail to the leading edge of the jaw, fish laying flat and tail in a natural position.
2. If no witness to length only measurement, a photo of capture on an appropriate measuring device must be submitted.
3. Preferably all claims should be accompanied by a photo of the fish on the appropriate measuring device. Video is acceptable.
4. One entry, per division, per angler, per year across divisions, upgrading of fish is acceptable.

Eligible Divisions for 12-Month Comp:

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|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Land Based Game Species (Sport / Gamefishing capture method) | 9. Flyfishing Freshwater | 17. Length Only Carp (All) |
| 2. Land Based Non - Game Species (Sport / Gamefishing capture method) | 10. Gamefishing | 18. Length Only Trout (All) |
| 3. Sportfishing in Saltwater Estuaries & Saltwater Lakes | 11. Handline | 19. Length Only Bass (Australian) |
| 4. Sportfishing from a Boat (outside) | 12. Capture by a Lady | 20. Length Only Bream (All) |
| 5. Sportfishing Freshwater | 13. Capture by a Junior Boy | 21. Length Only Flathead (All) |
| 6. Lurefishing Saltwater | 14. Capture by a Junior Girl | 22. Length Only Salmon (Australian) |
| 7. Lurefishing Freshwater | 15. Capture by a Sub-Junior | 23. Length Only Kingfish (Yellowtail) |
| 8. Flyfishing Saltwater | 16. Tag & Release | 24. Length Only Snapper |
| | | 25. Length Only Mulloway |

General Notes:

1. Each fish submitted may only be entered in **one** of the eligible divisions 1–25 above.
2. Fish submitted for Weight Captures, cannot be submitted for Length Captures and vice versa
3. To be eligible all 12 month competition entry forms must be with the state recorder within 35 days from date of capture

01/07/2016

ST GEORGE SFC - LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - RULES for 2016/17

Throughout 2016/17, all members of St George SFC are invited to participate in a Length Only Competition. There will be two separate divisions:

Division 1: Combined length for Flathead, Snapper and Salmon

Division 2: Combined length for Bream, Whiting and Tailor

The competition will run from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. Only captures made within the 12 month period of each year's competition are eligible for inclusion.

Entries should be made using the form below, and forwarded to the Club Recorder within 35 days of the capture. Entries must be received before 14 July 2017.

Members can upgrade their entries at any time throughout the year so that only their longest capture for each species remains current.

There are no restrictions on line class.

All captures entered must be legal size.

All captures must be made in NSW or ACT waters.

Capture and release fishing is encouraged but not necessary for this competition.

There will be an overall prize in each division for the longest **combined length** of an angler's best capture of each species, i.e. a prize for the longest combined length of Flathead, Snapper and Salmon and a prize for the longest combined length of Bream, Whiting and Tailor.

Example: If a member's best capture of each species over the year is a Flathead of 680mm, a Snapper of 450mm and a Salmon of 530mm then their **combined length** in Division 1 will be 1,660mm.

A certificate and two 'Champion Angler Points' will be awarded to the winner of each **species category**. No additional points awarded for the overall combined length winner.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Belinda

ST GEORGE SFC – LENGTH ONLY COMPETITION - 2016/17

Angler	Species	Capture Date	Capture Location	Length

Signed: _____

Seabird Of The Month



Fairy Prion *Pachyptila turtur*

Appearance. Prions are a group of small seabirds related to the Petrels and Shearwaters. The Fairy Prion is the smallest and most common of the 6 Prion species known to occur off the NSW coast. Overall length is about 25 cm, with a 55cm wing span. The body and wings are blue-grey above and white below. There is a distinctive "M" pattern on the upper wings. All Prions have this pattern, and identification relies on sometimes very subtle differences in bill shape and size. Like many other members of the Procellariiformes they have "tube noses" and produce an oil which is a rich source of food for their chicks and can be vomited towards predators to deter them.

Habitat and range. Fairy Prions inhabit the Southern Ocean. Breeding colonies can be found on several sub-Antarctic islands as well as around New Zealand and Bass Strait. Their winter migration brings them northwards to the coastal waters of NSW. Peak occurrence is from May to August, when large flocks are seen offshore. They wheel about close to the water, alternately showing their blue-grey upper surface and white underparts. World population estimate at 5,000,000.

Breeding. September to March in large colonies, mainly on islands but also isolate headlands in Tasmania and New Zealand. The nest is usually in a burrow or crevice between rocks. A single egg hatches in about 8 weeks and the chick fledges 6 weeks later.

Feeding. Fairy Prions feed almost exclusively on Zooplankton which they collect by skimming over the water surface, sometimes "pattering" across the water, and also diving and swimming below the surface



Photo from Sydney Pelagic Trip, June 16, 2016.

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