

CATCH



June 2021 Newsletter

The Catch - June 2021

Hi Members,

The commencement of our new membership year (1st June 2021) gives us an opportunity to reflect on the past year and our club more broadly.

It's been a tough year; multiple matters have challenged your Committee. Operating under the constraints of the covid pandemic, striving for a club environment that is fully inclusive with repeatable practices, retaining our competitive fishing environment and growing participation, achieving financial stability are all matters that have been pursued with passion by your committee.

Much has been achieved, a lot more is still required.

But we must be doing some things well;
New Membership has grown by 32% this last 12 months
80% of the new membership comprises family members
65% of all our members are estimated to be full time employed or being educated, a statistic that takes us back to the 80's.

A huge welcome to our new members. As a special reach out, please give us some feedback as to what you want from your Club. It's much easier when we can focus on what our members desire, (email: admin@mbglac.com.au).

One thing that your committee is passionate about is our fishing, its frustrating that we spend so much time on administrative matters and insufficient on promoting fishing workshops, club social fishing events, guest speakers and the like. One way to resolve this is to get more members onto the committee, in particular members who are prepared to facilitate more fishing focused club activities. So a shout out to our newer members, please consider joining the Committee and helping us "focus on fishing".

Lakeview Trophy Board 2021_2022

As we approach the commencement of the 2021-2022 Fishing year, your committee has spent many hours deliberating changes that are warranted from this year's practices.

This process commenced with a meeting where members were invited to represent their views on the rules that applied for this year – and I was particularly pleased with the level of discussion that took place.

Some of the principles that underwrite our deliberations include:

Leaders in the preservation and protection of our fish stocks.

Our Club prides itself on having practices in place that are well above the baseline set by government (Department of Primary Industries). Many of these have been in place for many years. Four examples are:

- 1/ Use of Circle Hooks when using bait when gamefishing. Introduced by the NSWGFA and embraced by our club.
- 2/ Minimum weight gamefish
- 3/ Length measurement to facilitate catch and release for all species
- 4/ Trophy fish from our iconic species are required to be released before acceptance for our Trophy Board.

Your committee doesn't shy away from wanting to remain well above the baseline. It gives us credibility in our dealings with environmental stakeholders who are forever trying to remove the privileges we take for granted.

Ensure trophies are equitably awarded across the broadest range of our membership demographics.

Over 65% of our membership base are members who are employed full time or are undertaking studies. As a club we need to be far more proactive to cater for the needs of these members. Your committee is acutely aware that we need to provide a greater range of options for club initiated fishing activities for all members with an appropriate reward towards our Club Champion trophy.

Standardise logging of captures and reporting

Members competitively fish for our annual awards. With the capabilities offered by the internet, we can implement one process that provides the logging and then subsequent reporting and award determination for all fish species captured by members who want those captures recorded by the Club.

Clarifications introduced for the 2021_2022 year

Lake and Beach Trophy

Following consultation, members sought to have this trophy return to its traditional estuary fishing (shore or boat) and beach ie. from the sand.

Committee agreed to return to this traditional definition, but will introduce a Land Based Trophy for those members who do not have access to a boat, or members who are passionate about their land and headland based fishing.

Mandatory DPI Brag Mat

Current mandating of the DPI brag mat for reporting of fish can be problematic when members are fishing in another party's event. One example is the Pirtek Challenge. Committee agreed that where an outside event mandates a specific brag mat, and the committee expressly permits the use of the alternate brag mat, a capture claim lodged on that brag mat will be accepted for the MBGLAC Trophy Board.

This does require members to ensure that they advise the Committee in a timely manner to enable this permission to be obtained.

Catch and Release of species during a closed season

DPI have introduced closed seasons for some estuarine and freshwater species to protect them during aggregation / spawning.

The committee discussed the matter of the targetting of zero bag limit species during the closed period at length and agreed that in the interests of the protection of these species we would not accept claims for the Trophy Board of species caught from waters that are the subject of the closed season.

Gamefish Reporting up to the NSW Game Fish Association (NSWGFA)

Our Club has a significant number of its members affiliated with the NSWGFA.

We report monthly and annually our affiliated members captures up into Southern Zone and to NSWGFA for the determination of both Southern Zone and State awards/trophies.

Southern Zone awards are based on captures in Southern Zone Waters and on Zone Weekends and State Awards are based on captures in NSW Waters and 365 days of the year.

In order to ensure that our Recorder has all the detail required to provide these monthly and annual reports GFA affiliated members are asked to log all captures through the Trophy Board process, irrespective of whether the capture took place in our MBGLAC waters or not.

Practically, we do have members who fish outside of our club fishing boundary during the course of the year, knowing full well that those captures will not count towards MBGLAC trophies (unless during a sanctioned event), but on Zone weekends, these captures do count towards the MBGLAC opportunity to receive Southern Zone annual awards so we want to have these captures reported.

More broadly, NSWGFA seeks to reward our members for captures out of all NSW waters 365 days of the year, so again, for the Recorder to report these captures they need to be logged with the Recorder.

Attached to the back of this newsletter are the rules that will apply to the 2021_2022 Lakeview Trophy Board. Also attached is the associated Eligible Species List. These are also on the web under the Merimbula Lakeview Trophy Board.

Recent Events

15 May – Seafood Dinner Night

What a great night 71 members had at the Warf Resturant on Saturday night.

I received many compliments in regards to the location and the social atmosphere that existed amongst the attendees.

Thanks to all who made it possible.



Life under COVID

Just a reminder that the 2 square meter rule still applies within NSW. We can only accommodate 40 members inside and when the weather permits a further 8 on the veranda.

On entry you are required to log in via the Services NSW app – something that is now just part of life. If you don't have the facility to log on via the app then we will register you on a manual log. Please make sure that this happens so we fully comply with our COVID Safety Plan.

Congratulations to Alan and Shane, and the catering and bar team, for the way they conducted both the Snapper Classic registrations and presentations. We are not going to let a pandemic get in the way of our competitive fishing!!!!

Friday Nights remain well patronised, there is room for more! All members and supporters are welcomed to come along, and it's a great opportunity to meet fellow members and pick up a few tips on what's biting where and any tips to get the fish onto the hook.

Whose been fishing?

Snapper Classic 2021 Summary

Our Club's 2021 Snapper Classic was held last weekend, the 22nd and 23rd of May. A total of 80 anglers fished the event; 67 adults and 13 juniors. The numbers of anglers was well up on previous Snapper Classics and I have no doubt the event was a resounding success.

Fishing conditions were ideal, with nearly calm conditions and good tide times. Many fish were caught across the two days and many of these captures were released, which is great to hear. I believe nearly all anglers caught fish.

Snapper were caught right across our area, from Long Point and Haycock areas out of Merimbula, Lennards and Mowarry and South Head out of Eden, through to the Cumberland wreck, which is south of Green Cape. The area around Cumberland wreck was where the biggest numbers and biggest fish were caught. Fishing methods varied from bait, soft plastics and metal micro jigs. The jigs and soft plastics accounted for many fish, especially the bigger fish.

Prizes were won and awarded as follows:

Individual Adult

1 st	\$600	Josh Klimas	613mm snapper
2 nd	\$300	Aidan Atkins	580mm
3 rd	\$200	Curly Glanville	555mm (his fish caught first)
4 th	\$100	Dave Sydenham	555mm

Individual Junior

1 st	\$100	Lachlan Wilkins	524mm - also won a trophy and rod/reel combo
2 nd	\$80	Harley Walker	425mm - also won a trophy
3 rd	\$50	Logan Walker	422mm - also won a trophy

Individual Longest Bag of 5

Adult	\$300	Ron Achison	2234mm total length
Junior	\$100	Logan Walker	1430mm

Boat Longest bag of 5

1 st	\$400	"Bonito" (Josh Klimas and Aidan Atkins)	2649mm total length
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Congratulations to Josh and Aidan



An excited Harley

2nd \$300 "Lucky 1" (Martin Bartlett, Tim Jones, Ron Achison) 2326mm
 3rd 200 "DV8" (Shane Mayberry and Fiona Beasley) 2232mm

Mystery Lengths

1st \$200 Alan Wilkins fishing from "JACK 1"
 2nd \$100 Shelby Edwards (a junior) fishing from "Remarkable"
 3rd \$ 50 Tim Jones fishing from "Lucky 1"

Lucky Angler Registration Prize

Logan Walker (a junior)

Thank you to all who anglers who entered and fished the event and supported our Club. You made the event a success. Your enthusiasm during the rolling briefings on Friday and then the enthusiasm of the gathering on the Sunday was infectious. A huge welcome to the new members that chose to join our club through this event.

A special thanks to the parents and carers that supported our Juniors over the weekend. Its always a real buzz to see the upcoming next generation of passionate fishers participating in our events.

A special mention and huge thankyou must go to Keryn Wilkins and Peter Haar for their tireless support and help in organizing and running the event. A big thankyou also goes to Chris Young, Darragh Reynolds, Peter Lawler, Stuart Green, Phil Jacobs, Lynette Haar and Josie Buhlman for their work and help. You all help make the event a success and without you we would struggle to say the least.

And finally, the event would not be possible without our generous sponsors. Thankyou to the National Bushfire Recovery Agency through Bega Valley Shire for their grant. Thanks again to Kane McKill Tree Service, and a huge thanks to Eden Outboards Mobile Servicing (Stuart Jeffrey) and Twofold Carpentry and Home Maintenance (Ryan Walker and Aimee Antill). I have no doubt their sponsorships and the resulting prize monies contributed to the success of the 2021 Snapper Classic.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Regards,
 Alan Wilkins and Shane Mayberry
 (Snapper Classic coordinators)



Congratulations to Logan



Shelby rewarded for the hours he puts into his fishing

Pambula River Australian Salmon

The salmon have been prolific in the Pambula River and many members have been fishing this system to get some last minute up grades for their annual points on salmon.

Imagine our surprise last Friday when Corey Walker came to the club to weight a 1.658 kg salmon caught on 1 kg line by Logan Walker a small fry and NSWGFA affiliate. With the small fry and junior male 1kg records currently not awarded we may have a pending Australian Record holder within our midst!

Congratulations to Logan and Corey and good luck with the application for record claim to the GFA.

Upcoming Events

12 to 14 June - Merimbula Open – Lock this date in and get onto a team. All details on the web.

The Open prize categories include heaviest Yellowfin and Bluefin Tuna, Shark and Broadbill Swordfish. There is also a tag and release category for most of the above species and Junior categories in all of the above. The total prize pool for the Open will exceed \$15,000



26 June - Presentation Night – Lock in the date. To be held at the Lakeview Hotel to celebrate all our successful members successes during the fishing year.

Bookings are now open and there are rewards for booking early.

The Lakie has got right behind us in support of our presentation night. Huge thanks to the Lakie.



We are also blessed to have two further sponsors on our presentation night, supporting our Juniors and Small Fry, Bianchini Gelati – Danna & Dylan Smith have offered to help with the Juniors prizes and Twofold Carpentry – Aimee and Ryan Walker are supporting all the trophies awarded to our Juniors over the year. I don't need to remind members that if you need services that are provided by our sponsors, give them a chance.



In regards to Bianchini Gelati, how about we all make a point of getting down to Pambula Village and enjoying a fresh Gelati to help Dana survive the winter period.



12th July – Salmon Sunday – always a popular social event. Details will be emailed out shortly.

2 August – Annual General Meeting – lock in this date and come along and show support for the AGM process, and, I know, a broken record but think about joining your Committee.

9/10 of October - Grudge Match – Eden has the conch this year and they have indicated that at this point they would like to convene in October. Details as they come to hand.

Merchandise

We love to see our members, their families and friends proudly displaying our merchandise and apparel, supporting our Brand and showing that they are members of this great 85 year old club....So don't be shy.... Club apparel up!

We have the following merchandise in stock:

Club Shirts.

These are the highest quality, Australian Made and Owned, SPF 50 Rated shirts available. They are the same price as the original shirts first ordered in 2010 and are still going. Made by Big Fish Gear in the NT, these shirts are just \$65 each.

Available in LONG and SHORT Sleeves!

All sizes are currently in stock.

Children's sizes are only available by order. Children's Sizes are 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12,14

Adult Sizes are: XS – Same as Children's 16, SMALL , MED, LARGE, XL, 2XL, 3XL , 4XL, 5XL



Floppy Hats \$20ea

A recent addition to the merchandise suite is the floppy hat. Very lightweight, breathable and super sun smart. A must for all sun smart fishos!

Available in Sizes 55,57,59,61 for \$20 each.



Stocks are limited, so get in quick.

Purchased from Eagle Embroidery in Bega.

Club Caps Supplied by Eagle Embroidery in Bega.

In stock \$15ea



Brag Mats \$10ea - Purchased from DPI NSW

A must for all members who want to log a fish on the Lakeview Trophy Board. The DPI Brag Mat is our standard measure for all length measured species.



Available for \$10 each

Logo Boat and Car Stickers



Help advertise our club... Proudly display one or several of these on your cars and your boat.

We offer three sizes of our logo on quality vinyl adhesive backed material proudly manufactured locally by Wilsons Signs of Pambula.

Sizes and prices are:

- 100mm diameter - Small \$5
- 200mm diameter - Medium \$10
- 300mm diameter - Large \$20

LOGO Keyrings \$10

Locally hand crafted - right here in Merimbula, these premium quality key rings are not only functional, they make great affordable gifts and souvenirs for family and friends.



Stubby Holders \$6 – Hot off the Press..... NEW DESIGN!!! NOW IN STOCK!!

Made and Purchased from Vanda Graphics in Melbourne.

A wonderful photo encapsulating the magnificent views from our clubrooms and taken overlooking Merimbula lake, our fishing club jetty and the Merimbula bar, (courtesy of member Urs Buhlman from "Bearstock") this is the perfect functional gift, souvenir or "must have" tackle box item.





We will be looking at other lines as well and if you have ideas on something you would like to see the club look into, please do not hesitate to contact us on facebook or via our website www.mbglac.com.au

In Closing

All my focus is on our biggest Tournament of the year, the 40th Merimbula Open.

I do look forward to celebrating our successful members at our presentation night.

Huge thanks to all members who have renewed their memberships promptly.

Let's continue to fish and share the joy

Stay safe and tight lines.

Peter Haar
President
Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club

2021 – 2022 Lakeview Annual Fishing Trophies and Awards

Introduction

Our Club has a long history in rewarding our members for their fishing success. Since our formation in 1936, our practices have evolved with the times, reflecting our social, environmental and sustainability practices as responsible anglers.

We are very fortunate to have access to a full range of fishing opportunities from Game Fishing, Bottom Bouncing Ocean Fishing, Onshore and Estuary and Beach Fishing and Freshwater Stream and Lakes. Our annual trophies celebrate members who demonstrate an ability to embrace these opportunities.

To provide the opportunity for catch and release the Club has recently introduced length measurement for most species, encouraging our members to measure and photograph on a DPI brag mat for our awards and trophies. In relation to Bream, Dusky Flathead, Mulloway, Estuary Perch and Bass, we require these species to be released for a Capture Slip to be accepted. We are not restricting your decision to keep any of these, but if it's a record fish then we believe they deserve to be released to help the sustainability of these iconic species.

To encourage members to target these awards the Club provides monthly updates on the Web for each of the Club's species. In the Clubrooms you will find a tally board that will be updated weekly where practical.

Annual Trophies and Awards

The following lists the annual trophies and awards. Where indicated the Club has a Perpetual Trophy (PT) for the award.

Rewards for all other prizes will be determined by the Committee and published as early as practical after completion of the Angling Year.

Club Awards

- Club Champion - PT
- Male Open Champion - PT
- Female Open Champion - PT
- Junior Open Champion – PT
- Small Fry Open Champion - PT
- Lake and Beach Champion – PT
- Shore Based Champion - PT

Species Champions

- Senior
- Junior
- Small Fry

Game Fish Awards

1st Line Class Yellowfin Tuna over 25kg - PT

Heaviest Marlin - PT

Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna - PT

Heaviest Shark - PT

Heaviest other Game fish - PT

Highest Point Score T&R Male

Highest Point Score T&R Female

Highest Point Score T&R Junior

Highest Point Score T&R Small Fry

Highest Point Score T&R Boat

Highest Point Score Capture Male

Highest Point Score Capture Female

Highest Point Score Capture Junior

Highest Point Score Capture Boat

Angling Times

Other than for the Club Champion all awards and trophies can be fished for 365 days of the year including during Club Events.

Fishing for the Club Champion Trophy is limited to Club Events and all weekends of the year, commencing at first light Saturday morning through to last light Sunday afternoon.

Species

The species that contribute to these awards are listed on the annually updated Eligible Species List (May 2021).

All DPI and NSW GFA Regulations apply as applicable to all eligible fish captures.

Please make yourself aware of closed seasons for applicable species.

Boundaries

MBGLAC Boundaries

The following boundaries apply to all fish captures, members wish to submit for our MBGLAC Annual Awards and Trophies.

Saltwater and estuarine boundaries are:

All areas between Goalen Head to the North (36° 33'S) and the Southern-most point of Disaster Bay to the South (37° 19'S)

Freshwater boundaries are:

Eucumbene, Jindabyne, and Brogo Dams including all tributaries flowing into or from them, Tantangara Dam and all tributaries flowing into the dam, and all fresh water rivers creeks and billabongs within the Bega Valley Shire. The Snowy River downstream from the Jindabyne dam wall and its tributaries may only be fished within the state of New South Wales. Private dams are excluded.

Saltwater, estuarine and freshwater waters being fished by members whilst representing the MBGLAC in a Tournament or Fishing Competition facilitated by Fishing Clubs within NSW. Check with Committee when you register for eligibility.

NSW Game Fishing Association Australia Boundaries

Members who wish to submit fish captures for NSW GFA State and Southern Zone awards that have been captured outside the MBGLAC Boundary should note that the NSW Awards boundary is all waters off the coast of NSW and Southern Zone boundary is Stanwell Point to Victorian border.

Submitting a Capture

Non Game Fish Species

A member who wishes to submit a fish for an award is required to take a photograph of the fish on the DPI Brag Mat, complete a Fish Capture Slip either hard copy or submit directly through the portal on the MBGLAC Web Site.

Measurements are from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail, as used by the DPI for minimum length measurements.

To be eligible for the Trophy Board the following species are catch & release only; Bream, Dusky Flathead, Estuary Perch, Bass and Jewfish (Mulloway). These species are to be released after photographing on the DPI brag mat.

For fish over the 1200mm (length of the DPI Brag Mat), members must use either a second DPI Brag Mat or the Yellow Tape Measure (available at the club) to provide photographic evidence of the length of fish entered.

All length measurements are verified by the Recorder (based on photograph supplied) before being logged, and adjustments to length may be made by the Recorder who will notify Members of the adjustment. Members can appeal the adjustment via an email to the Committee at admin@mbglac.com.au.

Game Fish Species

A member who wishes to submit a game fish for an award is required to take a photograph of the weigh slip or the tag card, complete a Fish Capture Slip either hard copy or submit directly through the portal on the MBGLAC Web Site.

Time to Lodge Capture Slips

Capture slips when completed and witnessed must be lodged with the club within fourteen (14) days of the capture or details and photograph entered via the Clubs

Website. Failure to lodge the catch slip or enter via the Website within the laid down time frame, the catch will not be logged/registered by the club Recorder.

Additional notes for Game Fishermen

GFA affiliated members should also be cognisant of the annual NSW Southern Zone and NSW Trophies which members can fish for through out the year.

Southern Zone awards are principally for fish captured on a Zone Weekend and Sanctioned Tournaments within Southern Zone waters, and the NSW Interclub. These captures / tags need to be reported to NSWGFA by the 14th day of the following month, so it is strongly recommended that all game fish captures/tags are photographed and submitted to the Recorder within 12 days to ensure that reports up to Southern Zone include your fish. This includes any captures / tags during sanctioned tournaments.

NSWGFA Trophies can be fished for through out the year and will be reported to NSWGFA annually. These captures / tags can take place in all NSW coastal waters

All GFA affiliated Members are encouraged to report their captures of game fish outside of our club boundary to the recorder to ensure they are reported up to the relevant body.

Angling Rules

All DPI and NSW GFA angling rules apply as applicable to each species.

Please note that the GFA mandates the use of Circle Hooks for all bait fishing for game fish.

We also strongly recommend that you use Circle Hooks for all other species when bait fishing and you propose to release the fish.

Determining the Awards

For the Club Awards

For non game fish species, awards are determined on the basis of length. The 10 largest fish of each species will be logged and updated monthly during the year. Our Recorder will log for Male, Female, Junior and Small Fry.

For game fish species, awards are determined by the quantity of fish caught by an angler, either weighed or tag and released.

Our Recorder will also keep an additional log for species caught during an Event, on the Weekends or Beach Estuary and Shore based.

Count back will apply for all awards where a tie exists. The first member who obtains the length or quantity of fish scores higher.

Species awards will be awarded to the Champion Angler, Runner Up Angler and Third Place Angler.

For determining the annual trophies each non game fish species shall have assigned points from 10 to 1, 10 being for the longest fish to 1 for the 10th longest submitted. Where a member has achieved multiple fish in a species only the highest score will be used for the aggregate calculation.

For game fish species, each species shall have assigned points from 10 for the highest quantity to 1 for the 10th highest quantity.

For the Annual Open: Male, Female, Junior and Small Fry Champions a members score is determined by the aggregate of all that members scores across all species caught during the year.

For determining the Club Champion, only species captured on a weekend, commencing at first light Saturday morning through to last light Sunday afternoon or during an organised club event or tournament, and caught in compliance with the Events Rules of the Day shall be used for the aggregate score for this trophy.

The Lake and Beach annual trophy is determined as above for species caught during the year either in our lakes, estuaries or on the beach.

The Shore Based annual trophy is determined as above but only for species caught during the year, land based inclusive of rock fishing (ie. not out of a boat).

Game Fish Awards

Game Fish awards based on Point Score will be determined by using the applicable NSWGFA regulations. All relevant game fish reported by members during the year will be aggregated to the relevant game fish awards.

Club Records

Throughout our Clubrooms you will find Record Boards that have been established to celebrate notable captures of species.

There are also record boards for each specie. Should you be lucky enough to exceed the current record, your name will be added to the board and engraved into the history of our great Club.

Peter Haar
President
Updated May 2021



2021-2022 Angling Year Eligible Species List

Species	Measurement Length/Weight/T&R	Must be Released Yes / No	Minimum Length or weight DPI / NSW GFA
Bass	Length	Yes	DPI *
Blackfish (Luderick)	Length	No	DPI
Bream	Length	Yes	DPI
Broadbill	Weight or T&R	No	NSW GFA
Butterfly Gurnard	Length	No	DPI
Drummer	Length	No	DPI
Estuary Perch	Length	Yes	DPI *
Flathead – Dusky	Length	Yes	DPI
Flathead – Ocean Sand	Length	No	DPI
Flathead – Ocean Tiger	Length	No	DPI
Flounder	Length	No	DPI
Jewfish (Mulloway)	Length	Yes	DPI
Kingfish	Length	No	DPI
Leather Jacket	Length	No	DPI
Mackerel – Slimy Junior & Small Fry only	Length	No	DPI
Marlin	Weight or T&R	No	NSW GFA
Morwong	Length	No	DPI
Non Pelagic – Deep Sea	Length	No	DPI
Other Game Fish Species (see under)	Weight or T&R	No	NSW GFA
Salmon	Length	No	DPI
Shark Gummy and School	Length	No	DPI
Snapper	Length	No	DPI
Tailor	Length	No	DPI
Trevally	Length	No	DPI
Trout – Rainbow	Length	No	DPI *
Trout - Brown	Length	No	DPI *
Tuna - Bluefin	Weight or T&R	No	NSW GFA
Tuna – Striped Junior & Small Fry Only	Length	No	DPI
Tuna - Yellowfin	Weight or T&R	No	NSW GFA
Whiting	Length	No	DPI

DPI and NSW GFA Regulations as applicable apply to all fish captures. Please ensure you know the protected species and closed seasons within NSW.

*MBGLAC does not encourage the targeting of species during a zero bag limit or closed season and will not accept capture entries from waters that are the subject to that zero bag limit or closure for these species.

Other Game Fish Species are:

Sharks - Blue, Hammerhead, Mako, Thresher, Tiger, Whaler
 Albacore
 Mahi Mahi
 Spearfish
 Bigeye Tuna