



CATCH

Merry
Christmas



December 2021 Newsletter

The Catch - December 2021

Hi Members,

Xmas 2021 is upon us and I wish all members a very merry Xmas season and great entry into a fresh new year. It's been a very busy period and quite a few things to brief members on.

It's hard to believe we are half way through our fishing year already! Slots are filling fast on the Trophy Board, so get in and fill the balance and target for upgrades. I notice heaps of scope for our juniors to lodge their captures over the holidays. You will find a monthly summary of the longest fish on the web under the Lakeview Trophy Board tab.



Xmas Party and Annual Trophy Presentations



Our Xmas Party was our third attempt at holding our presentations, so anxiously awaited and far too late into the next angling year!

The Lakeview provided a great venue, fabulous meal and very generous support of our raffle on the night.

Thanks to all members who hung in for this event and hopefully next year we can have a "normal" and more formal presentation, celebrating together all members achievements throughout this fishing year.

A huge congratulations to our annual trophy winners:

- Club Champion – Shane Mayberry
- Male Open – Rob Woods
- Female Open – Merrily Bell
- Junior Champion – Jackson Antill
- Small Fry Champion – Logan Walker
- Lake and Beach – Phil Jacobs





Additionally, the night gave us the opportunity to congratulate a club small fry member who holds 10 separate records in the NSW GFA and National GFA species records.

Logan Walker captured a salmon on the 24th September in the Pambula River and now holds the:

NSW Small Fry Male record for a 1.79kg Salmon on 1 kg line,
 NSW Junior Male record for a 1.79kg Salmon on 1 kg line,
 NSW Men's record for a 1.79kg Salmon on 1 kg line, and
 Game Fishing Association of Australia's Small Fry Record for a salmon on 1kg.



Logan captured a Southern Bluefin on the 26th September out wide and now holds the:

NSW Small Fry Male record for a 7.82kg Southern Bluefin Tuna on 6 kg line
 NSW Junior Male record for a 7.82kg Southern Bluefin Tuna on 6 kg line
 NSW Men's record for a 7.82kg Southern Bluefin Tuna on 6 kg line

Logan captured a Southern Bluefin on the 2nd October out wide and now holds the:

NSW Small Fry Male record for a 6.51kg Southern Bluefin Tuna on 4 kg line
 NSW Junior Male record for a 6.51kg Southern Bluefin Tuna on 4 kg line
 NSW Men's record for a 6.51kg Southern Bluefin Tuna on 4 kg line

“A National Record” to a member of our Club – that’s something we can all be proud of.

Huge congratulations to Logan and his team, in particular dad, Corey for his investment in achieving these records.

MBGLAC Monster Raffle for 2021 / 2022.

Great prizes on offer. Members please support us in selling tickets – get your families and friends to get on line, purchase a book or two! With support from Compleat Angler we offer a book of 5 five dollar tickets for \$20 plus a free \$10 voucher! What a deal!

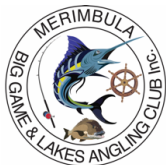
Raffle will be drawn at the end of January to maximise our sales to our Xmas tourists who have traditionally been great supporters of our raffle.

All proceeds of the raffle will be used for our Jetty Replacement Project.

Stuart Green seeks helpers for sales through Caravan Parks – lots of happy buyers. Contact Peter Haar 0417 021 066.

Huge thanks to our raffle supporters, Beta Electrical Bega, Camping World and Compleat Angler Merimbula.

MONSTER RAFFLE



\$10 Compleat Angler voucher with every book of tickets purchased



<https://www.rafflelink.com.au/mbglac2022> for convenient on-line ticket purchase.

Prizes

1st Prize – Weber Genesis BBQ
RRP \$1,499



3rd Prize – Engel 40l Platinum Fridge
RRP \$1,375



2nd Prize – Paddle Board Boss Bamboo Package
RRP \$1,499



4th Prize – Weber Q
RRP \$799



Tickets: \$5 each or 5 for \$20 + \$10 voucher

Tickets on sale through Club and at selected locations.

Drawn Sunday 30th January 2022 at 3:30pm, Spencer Park Merimbula. All winners will be notified.

All proceeds to MBGLAC Jetty Reconstruction – A project the whole community will benefit from– also see www.mbglac.com.au

Thanks to Bega Beta Electrical and Merimbula Camping World and Compleat Angler. \$10 voucher redeemable at Compleat Angler Merimbula, Fyshwick and Sth Nowra

Jetty Replacement Program 2022.

It is looking like we will be getting this started early in the new year with completion by mid-year. Lots of work paperwork still to be done! We will keep you fully informed of progress. Thanks to Dale Hayton replacing two rotten boards on the access jetty! Yes the time has come!

Upcoming Events

Merimbula Sea Change Expo 23 January 2022

We are inviting visitors to come and drop in and say hello to us on Sunday 23 January. An initiative of the Merimbula Chamber of Commerce.

Members are more than welcome to also pop in and enjoy our facilities.

Gold Coin BBQ and a chance to chat all things fishing. We will be open between 10am and 3pm.

Boat Licence Course 29 January 2022.

Icewater Marine will once again be running a Boat Licence Course at our Clubrooms on 29 January 2022.

Great opportunity for your family and friends to obtain their Boat and PWC licences.

Mick is offering both practical and class room on the day and this is his forth session with us, and no one has yet failed.

Details can be found at <http://www.icewatermarine.com.au>

Dusky Dash For Cash 5-6 February 2022

This is our next competition and now is the time to start your preparations. With the lifting of many Covid restrictions we look forward to a great roll up for this event. Cash and goods for prizes. Entry capped at \$30 per person (\$40 in 2015!). Details to be Emailed and placed on the MBGLAC website as soon as all prizes are finalised.

Angling Coordination

With a new committee comes a renewed focus on what should be our priority, fishing!

Monthly Species Event

Commencing 1 January 2022 we will commence a “species of the month” event to encourage members to get out and target a species for a little competitive fun and encourage fishing amongst our members.

Rules are simple:

Fishing commences at midnight on the 1st of the month and concludes at midnight at end of month.

Members will record capture on the DPI Bragmat and photograph as normal.

Members need to attend the club on the Friday following the end of month to be eligible for the prize. They can enter their fish and need to have the brag mat photo ready for validation.

Prizes awarded will be:

Adult longest fish \$50

Junior longest fish \$10

Mystery Length \$20

Note: this is a monthly fishing event, just because your fish doesn't make the annual trophy board does not mean it might not take out a monthly prize.

Trophy fish should still be logged as usual onto the trophy board within the required times.

Consistent with our club's practices Bream and Dusky Flathead will be subject to catch and release and we encourage catch and release of all species. We also encourage the use of circle hooks when bait fishing, however this is not mandatory for this monthly event.

Prizes are the minimum and we reserve the right to increase prize categories and the rewards subject to our member's participation.

Monthly Species are proposed to be:

January – Ocean Flathead (sand or tiger)

February – Dusky Flathead

March – Sand Whiting

April – Trevally

May – Snapper

June – Drummer

July – Salmon

August – Mowong

September – Gummy Shark

October – Tailor

November – Bream

December - Luderick

Reclassification of Non Pelagic Deep Sea Species on our Eligible Species List

The committee has been grappling with an inconsistency within this species since our measurements have moved to length based, it really doesn't encourage the application of fishing skills to achieve a credible result as it is generally won by a single species, namely the Ling when there are multiple other species that a competent angler will target.

So retrospectively for this angling year the Non Pelagic Deep Sea Species will work as follows:

- Only fish caught in depths greater than 100 fathoms will be eligible.
- Anglers will be rewarded for targeting as many of the following species under this category.
- Anglers will be awarded points based on a degree of difficulty for each species entered.
- The angler who has accrued the highest points in this species will be rewarded with 10 points towards the annual trophies, second highest 9 points and so on.
- Only one fish of the following will be allowed on the board per angler.

Gemfish	1 point
Sea Perch >30cm	1 point
Ling	2 points
Blue Eye	3 points
Hapuka	3 points
Bass Groper	4 points
Blue Grenadier	4 points
Alfonzino	4 points
Broadbill	25 points (the wildcard fish!!)

Submission of Record Claims to the GFA

In achieving the great results over recent months, Corey Walker has had to navigate numerous pitfalls and initial rejections of record claims.

Corey has pulled together a pack that will be useful to members who are considering applying for records.

Pack can be found on the web under Fishing Links/NSWGFA

Corey will continue to refine this pack with examples.

Game Fishing

All Ports

The details of the NSW All Ports has been released. This is being fished over the weekend of 26 – 27 February.

All GFA affiliated members have received the details via email. You may want to represent our Club in this event.

Eden Open

Note the revised date for the Eden Open, now scheduled for the weekend of 5 to 7 March 2022.

March Marlin

Again this season we will hold a month long event targeting Marlin. Details will be communicated early in the new year.

MBGLAC Open

Whilst a little way off our Open will be held over the long weekend 11th to 13th June, with registrations on the 10th June.

Never too early to get your teams organised.

Club Sponsors

Just a reminder that all of our Club Sponsors are deserved of our support as we hopefully slowly set 2021 behind us.



Ron and Gael offer members at Tackle World 15% discount off all shelf price (non discounted) gear in their shop upon presentation of your membership card. Bait and Fishing

Licences are the only exclusions.

Gael and Ron, and team are now well and truly in their new shop and are being flooded with customers. It was great to be able to celebrate their opening with PowerFM and our MBGLAC BBQ last Friday. On behalf of all members I wish them all the best and a very busy holiday period which is so deserved having navigated a couple of years of hell.



Merchandise

We have the following merchandise in stock:

Club Shirts.

These are the highest quality, Australian Made, UV Rated shirts available and they are the same price as the original shirts first ordered in 2010 and are still going. Made by Big Fish, these shirts are just \$65 each. Either Short or Long Sleeves!

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

A new item that is vented/cool, sun smart and has been requested by a number of members. Available in sizes 55,57,59 and 61 for \$20 each.

Peak Caps

In stock \$15ea

There is limited stock, but if the demand is there we will invest in more stock for the upcoming summer.

Brag Mats

A must for all members who want to log a fish on the Lakeview Tally Board. The DPI Brag Mat is an exceptional Brag Mat that is our only acceptable mat for all length measured species.

Available for \$10 each

Logo Boat and Car Stickers

We offer three sizes of our logo on quality vinyl adhesive backed material.

Sizes and prices are:

100mm diameter at \$5, 200mm diameter at \$10, 300mm diameter at \$20

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 the link below.

Phil Jacobs runs the shop, items can be purchased on Friday nights or get in touch with any of the Committee.

In Closing

Your committee wishes each and every member of our club, all our sponsors and supporters and all our friends a very Merry Xmas and a happy new year.

Stay safe and tight lines.

Peter Haar
President
Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club



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MBGLAC EVENTS CALENDAR 2021/2022



2021		
December	Tathra Club Competition	Wed 29 - Thursday 30 December
	NYE Club Open to members and friends	31 December
2022		
JANUARY	Monthly Species Challenge - Ocean Flathead	
	Zone Weekend	1,2 &3
	Zone Weekend	8th - 9th
	BERMAGUI BGAC BLUEWATER CLASSIC	22, 23 & 24
	Zone Weekend	22nd - 23rd
	Tathra Club Competition	Thur 27 & Fri 28
	Club Social Event Brogo Bass Fishing Day	Proposed
FEBRUARY	Monthly Species Challenge - Dusky Flathead	
	Club Meeting – Dusky Tips	TBA
	DUSKY DASH FOR CASH Competition	5th - 6th
	Zone Weekend	12th - 13th
	Zone Weekend	26th - 27th
	NSWGFA Interclub / All Ports	25, 26 & 27
	Club Meeting – Introduction to Marlin game fishing	TBA
MARCH	Monthly Species Challenge - Sand Whiting	
	Club Marlin Challenge	1 st -31 st
	Eden Open	5 - 7 March
	BERMAGUI Alliance Tournament	12th - 13th
	Zone Weekend	12th - 13th
	Zone Weekend	26th - 27th
APRIL	Monthly Species Challenge - Trevally	
	Zone Weekend	15th to 18th
	Club Social Event Estuary Bream	TBA
	Zone Weekend	23rd - 24th
MAY	Monthly Species Challenge - Snapper	
	Club Social Event Snapper	TBA
	MBGLAC SNAPPER CLASSIC Competition	14th - 15th
	Zone Weekend	14th - 15th
	Seafood Dinner	TBA
	Zone Weekend	28th - 29th
JUNE	Monthly Species Challenge - Drummer	
	Club Social Event Snapper	TBA
	Merimbula Open - Zone Weekend	11th, 12th & 13th
	Canberra Yellowfin	18th, 19th & 20th
	Zone Weekend	25th - 26th
	Kids Winter School Holiday Competition	TBA
JULY	Monthly Species Challenge - Salmon	
	Southern Zone AGM & Presentations	3rd
	Zone Weekend	9th - 10th
	Club Social Event Salmon Sunday	TBA
	Zone Weekend	23rd - 24th