

# April 2023 Catch Newsletter



## Hi Members,

Welcome to our belated Easter newsletter. We have had very good fishing since Christmas in terms of bottom and marlin fishing. Friday night club visitation numbers have been excellent and there has been a great response to our weekly meat raffle, with quality products being supplied by our local butcher, Goodalls, each week.

Also, a big thank you to Merily Bell for coordinating nibbles and meals on Friday night. The food has been great.

## Membership

Club Membership Fees for the 2023-2024 year are increased to \$60 for Adult Membership and \$70 for Family Membership with a joining fee of \$5.

For GFA members the fee is \$60.

Your committee has struggled to maintain fees at levels of previous years and with increasing costs, in particular insurances, have necessitated the change to our fee structure.

Our annual membership year runs from 1 June to 31 May for both Club and GFA membership. The Club awards new members joining in April/May of the year, full membership for the ensuing year. We do not have this benefit for GFA.

Membership renewal invoices for 23-24 year are being issued now.

## Gala is Back on!

A special meeting was convened, and a majority vote of members was in favour of reinstating the annual Gala weekend, traditionally held the first weekend in January. A sub-committee has now been convened and work has begun on the organization of the Gala to be held in January 2024. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Rob Wood 0413 333 598 or Heather Sutterby 0408 334 540 who were elected joint chairpersons for this sub-committee.

## Lakeview Annual Trophy Board

Fishing for our trophy fish board is coming to an end. The year ends Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. The boards are filing up with good fish, but there is still time to catch that bigger one and log it on the board. See below for links to log your fish to be in the running for prizes.

Link to Small Fry Summary here: <https://www.mbgglac.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Lakeview-Trophy-Board-WEB-Small-Fry-22-23-WEB-5.pdf>

Link to Junior Summary here: <https://www.mbgglac.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Lakeview-Trophy-Board-JUNIOR-22-23-WEB-3.pdf>

Link to Adult Summary here: <https://www.mbgglac.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Lakeview-Trophy-Board-ADULT-22-23-WEB-4.pdf>

You have 14 days from the date of capture of your fish to record via the online platform. Please enter fish caught at the end of May as soon as possible, so that the weighmaster can finalise results in readiness for the presentation night. It will be held Saturday 12 August at the Lakeview Hotel. So, save the date.

## Monthly Species Event

The monthly species event continued with February seeing Shane Mayberry winning the biggest dusky flathead. In March fishing continued for whiting where Corey Walker recorded the biggest catch. Then in April, Glen Rollason won, catching the largest trevally. Fishing continues, and anglers will be targeting snapper for the month of May. To enter, you must have your fish on the board in the Club before the first Friday of the new month.

## Pirtek Fishing Challenge

A number of club members took part in the annual Pirtek Fishing Challenge. This is a national competition, with great prizes, raising funds for prostate cancer research. This year, club member Tom Scott was one of the winners, with a mystery length bream. Congratulations Tom and all anglers who supported the cause. It was a lovely weekend for fishing.

## Merimbula Game Fishing Current Trophy Leaders

1st Line Class Yellowfin Tuna over 25kg – Heather Sutterby

Heaviest Marlin – Byron Kellalea 95kg

Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna – Heather Sutterby 30.06kg

Heaviest Shark – n/a

Heaviest other Game fish – n/a

Highest Point Score T&R Male - Corey Walker 41613pts

Highest Point Score T&R Female - Ash Bell 10000pts

Highest Point Score T&R Junior - Joel Woolley 10000pts

Highest Point Score T&R Small Fry - Logan Walker 20381pts

Highest Point Score T&R Boat - Iceman 2 - 62997pts

Highest Point Score Capture Male – n/a

Highest Point Score Capture Female - Heather Sutterby 519.57

Highest Point Score Capture Junior - Byron Kellalea 3459.58

Highest Point Score Capture Boat - Remarkable 519.57

## Southern Zone Results for February

<b>CAPTURE</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>TAG &amp; RELEASE</b>	<b>Points</b>
Jervis Bay	10	Canberra	5
		Merimbula	4
		Eden	3
		Jervis Bay	2
		Shellharbour	1

<b>PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE 2022-2023</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>TAG &amp; RELEASE 2022-2023</b>	<b>Points</b>
Batemans Bay	57	Merimbula	19
Canberra	18	Canberra	13
Jervis Bay	10	Batemans Bay	9
Bermagui	9	Shellharbour	6
Merimbula	6	Eden	3
		Jervis Bay	2

We were pleased to see the fish turn up in good numbers and the fishing comps during the past few months saw great captures and tagging results.

## Tag & Release March – Southern Zone – Merimbula Boat Tally

Boat	Skipper	Points
She Left	Tyrone O'Connor	99 500
Iceman 2	Corey Walker	15 186
Spooky 2	Peter Haar	3 000

## March Marlin Results

Boat	Marlin Caught	Points	Angler
Fish Craft	3	30 000	Greg McKay
Iceman 2	1	23 000	Corey Walker
Spooky 2	1	10 000	Peter Haar
She Left	1	8 500	Tyrone O'Connor
White Knight	1	8 500	Nigel Hack

Congratulations to Greg McKay on winning March Marlin, and Corey Walker for achieving second place.



## Coming Events

# 2023 Snapper Classic

## 20 to 21 May 2023





Targeting Snapper

Total Prize Pool of \$2,000

More info at  
[www.mbglac.com.au](http://www.mbglac.com.au)



**GRUDGE MATCH WEEKEND FISHING COMP**



Hosted by Pambula Fishing Club

Between Pambula, Eden & Merimbula Fishing Clubs

June 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Commences 4.00pm 2/06/23 & will cease 12 noon 4/06/23

Fishing area is between Goalen Head & Mallacoota

The club with the most points will take out the Perpetual Trophy

**Attention all club members.**

We need your help again this year to win our cup and trophies back in the Annual Grudge Match. Please keep the weekend free of 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Pambula are the host club. Members will need to be at Pambula Fishing Club by 12.30pm to record fish.

Species	Pts	Species	Pts	Species	Pts
Bream	10	Drummer B&S	10	Tiger FH	5
Luderick	10	Salmon	10	Kingfish	5
Dusky Flathead	10	Gummy Shark	10	Latchet Gurnard	5
Tailor	10	Nannygai	10	Whiting	5
Trevally	10	Sergeant Baker	5	Sweep	5
Mulloway	10	Leather Jacket	5	Slimy Mackerel	5
Snapper	10	Red Rock Cod	5	Stiped Tuna	5
Morwong	10	Sand FH	5	Wrasse	6

This year we are going with weights, so bring along your docket or photo showing weight.. Timestamp is a good App to use.

All fish must comply with NSW Fisheries guidelines

Lunch will commence at 1pm followed by points tally & presentation.

Further details are available from : Julie Pambula Fishing Club 0413677143.

Gordon Rug EAFC 0491018749

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**42<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Merimbula Open Game Fishing Tournament**  
10 to 12 June 2023



Targeting  
Yellowfin Tuna  
Bluefin Tuna  
Broadbill Swordfish

Prize Pool exceeding \$17,000

More info at [www.mbgla.com.au](http://www.mbgla.com.au)



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