

CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH

Canberra	16
Merimbula	8
Kiama	4
Jervis Bay	2

TAG & RELEASE POINTS FOR MONTH

Shotgun	Batemans Bay	5300	5
Black Dog	Shellharbour	5000	4
Reckless	Shellharbour	2500	3
Mr Hooker	Canberra	2150	2
Conflict	Jervis Bay	2000	1
Dorado	Batemans Bay	1575	
Ball Bag	Shellharbour	1500	

CAPTURE POINTS 2016-17

Merimbula	36
Eden	18
Canberra	16
Kiama	4
Jervis Bay	2

PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2016-17

Shellharbour	7
Batemans Bay	5
Merimbula	5
Canberra	2
Jervis Bay	1

Wow! Another terrific year for our Zone. This is the seventh year in a row that we have taken out Cock O'the Walk for tag and release and we also came second in the Capture section. I was just so proud to collect these trophies and of course your delegates received a plaque for their clubs.

Congratulations to everyone for their contribution to these fantastic wins and in particular to those individuals and boats that won their own trophies. These include the team on Polaris (Eden)... Chris and Patrick Dwyer, John Rankin, Eddie Redmayne and Lynette Robb....who had an amazing tally of 1m points for the boat plus personal bests. Also taking out awards were Kaitlyn Schofield (Eden and Bermagui), Tegan Lucardie (Bermagui), Brian Jones (Shellharbour), Luke Stuart (Canberra) and John Calgaro (Canberra).

It was certainly an interesting meeting and your delegates should have given your clubs a report by now. The increase in shark points may be controversial but it is all down to the democratic vote and that is how it went. I sent out the new point score when I got home as it was effective immediately.

Those of you who attended the NSWGFA AGM will be away of discussions re the future of the Interclub at Port Stephens and various suggestions were made. Plans are now underway to change the format of the NSWGFA State Championships ie the Interclub. Sponsors have been contacted and discussions held and they all seem to be in agreement with the proposed changes. These will entail changing the event to a three day competition instead of the two weekends. This will obviously be better for our Southern Zone boats as it means you do not have to be away for two weeks. Berthing is available on a weekly basis and we are hoping that this will be well received. I hope this will mean we can have more boats representing our Zone.

Went to Shoalhaven GFC's presentation night 6th August which was a great night as usual. On the 13th August there is Canberra GFC's presentation night which is my home club. Also on that night are Shellharbour GFC, Ulladulla GFC and Merimbula BGLAC which I have sent apologies to but am sure they will all have fantastic evenings with a lot of very happy trophy winners. Jervis Bay GFC has theirs on the 20th August and I am attending this for the first time.

I believe that there has been a good showing of Southern Bluefin Tuna of late and your returns certainly attest to that. The season is really only just beginning so hopefully it will prove to be a good one for us.

Also attached to this months results is a promo for how the Southern Zone operates our Cock O'the Walk competition, plus the Columbus and George Bass trophies. It is important that your new members get this as some have no idea what the Zonal competition is all about and we must encourage everyone to get points not only for their Club but also for their Zone.

Stay safe and enjoy your fishing.
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