

# Southern Zone

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## COCK O' THE WALK RESULTS ..... NOVEMBER 2012

## CAPTURES : HEAVIEST

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### CAPTURES : MOST MERITORIOUS

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**CAPTURE POINTS FOR MONTH**

Jervis Bay	30
Batemans Bay	20
Shellharbour	12
Narooma	4

**TAG & RELEASE POINTS FOR MONTH**

Opportunatee	24275	Batemans Bay	5
Dadsboat	19200	Shoalhaven	4
Frigate	14800	Batemans Bay	3
2 Small	12500	Shoalhaven	2
Inxs	9525	Ulladulla	1

**PROGRESSIVE CAPTURE POINTS 2012-13**

Shellharbour	82
Jervis Bay	48
Batemans Bay	39
Eden	10
Bermagui	9
Shoalhaven	8
Kiama	4
Narooma	4

**PROGRESSIVE TAG & RELEASE POINTS 2012-13**

Shellharbour	25
Canberra	11
Batemans Bay	10
Shoalhaven	7.5
Kiama	6.5
Eden	5
Merimbula	5
Jervis Bay	1
Ulladulla	1

My sincere thanks to the members and clubs who sent messages and flowers following the death of my husband, Geoff and especially to those who travelled to Canberra for his funeral. He was diagnosed with mesothelioma (asbestos cancer) in July and suffered through a short but bitter battle with this insidious disease. Your caring thoughts and actions have meant a lot to me.

Jervis Bay just had a most successful White Sands Tournament. It is great to see the support from other clubs and there were eight clubs represented at this event. Next on the list is Batemans Bay's Tollgate Island Classic followed by Bermagui's Blue Water Classic and then the Ulladulla Jess Sams Open.

NSW DPI Newscast : A Mahi tagged by "Argus" from Shellharbour GFC in February this year was recaptured 28 September between Lifu and Ouvéa Island, New Caledonia by a commercial fisher. It had swum a minimum straight line distance of 1176NM and that is the second furthest distance travelled by a Mahi Mahi under the tagging programme. In it's 230 days at liberty it had grown from an estimated 55cm to 98cm which is a fairly modest growth rate for this species. They are recognised as a very fast growing species but also short lived. The maximum life expectancy is 4 years with most not living beyond 2 years. To date there have been 23,200 tagged with 215 recaptures reported to the NSW Game Fish Tagging Programme.

The November meeting of the Zone was very well attended with the majority of clubs represented. The vote was overwhelmingly against any changes to the rules and regulations with only one club in favour of motions 1 and 2 and unanimous with 3. There were some interesting opinions, discussion and ideas and it is certainly healthy to be able to debate issues. This is a strong Zone and our vote is crucial when it comes to the NSWGFA AGM so a united front is important.

My very best wishes to you and your members for a very happy holiday season and good times in the year ahead.

Stay safe and enjoy the fishing.  
Sanchia