MORETON BAY GAMEFISH CLUB

The Newsletter



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President's Ramblings

Welcome to the first edition of "The Newsletter". This has been developed as short not too serious alternative to "The Magazine", which has been delayed, and will be a used to highlight want's happened and also upcoming events.

We were really fortunate that the weather was reasonable for the MBGFC/ Garmin "Back 2 Tangas 10" anniversary tournament held on the first weekend in March. This resulted in a great turnout with 30 registered boats and over 120 anglers and crew in attendance. The prize pool was exceptional with about \$29k worth of prizes and in-kind support from our wonderful sponsors. A full report and pictures will be in the Magazine

On the fishing front, we have seen some of our club members participating at other club competitions. Special mention must be made to Paul and the "Black Habit" crew who have punched above their weight. In the Mooloolaba GFC "Billfish Babes" comp in February, Louise Ditchfield and Michelle Hicks fished and won the competition. Congratulations ladies on the win and hope you can back it up again next year!

In April, Black Habit fished the Garmin Little Ships Tournament with Paul, Shannon and David and took out champion boat over 8m. Well done fellas, a great effort.

I would like to thank Tim Billing who has assisted with pulling together a members night back in February on setting up gear for game fishing, specifically targeting our new members. Next night is scheduled for Thursday 30th August—see page 2.

There have been a number of recent GFAA and QGFA rule changes and these are highlighted on Page 3.

On behalf of the committee, we would like to wish all members and their families a safe winter season and good winter fishing. Check out your GFAA book, you may even be able to target a record!

Nick

MBGFC Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 5th September commencing at 7pm at the Redlands Sporting Club,

Wellington Point.

All committee positions will be vacated and nomination forms will be posted to members (or on website).

Please consider stepping up onto the committee, as we need members support in running of your club.



The "Black Habit" winners at Little Ships Club competition. Congratulations Paul, Dave and Shannon.

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Annual Fees

AGM is on

Wednesday

5th September

The Annual Subscription Fees are now due. You should of received a notice in the mail from Secretary, Noel. If not, please contact him.

Fees are still the same as previous years, with: Adults \$100 Extra adult \$80

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| Juniors | \$20 |

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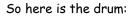
Members Night—Tackle Rigging-Part 11

Due to the success of the Members tackle rigging night, oh so-oo long ago, run by Tim Billing, we will be holding another.

With the light tackle season about to kick -off in September, its time to hone in the skills, replace line and a few lure rigs and learn how to rig a bait (yes they can catch a lot more fish than lures) Date: Thursday 30th August Time: From 7pm

Location: Mossops Tackle World, Shore Street, Cleveland (yep can make a big mess in Pete's shop) Grub: Pizza or Barbi and drinks

Presenter: Tim Billing and Mates



"Tangas 10" Tournament — Pics



"Back to Tangas 10" participants who have entered all 10 tournaments.



First weekend in March 2019

(Be here before u know it!)









GFAA and QGFA Rule Changes

There has been a number of recent rule changes to GFAA and QGFA and these are summarized below. GFAA ones will eventually appear in Rule Book or on their website.

http://www.gfaa.asn.au

1. Line Backing and Top shot

You can now use any size (strength or material e.g. braid/ dacron) line backing and must have fixed a minimum of 5 meters of final line class line (e.g. pretest mono), plus leaders etc.

2. Live Baiting

GFAA Angling Rule No.1. In a nutshell if you are holding the rod fishing livebaits and a fish takes the livebait, you cannot pass it to another angler. Rod can be put back in cover board/rod holder. Under no circumstances can any drag be put on the reel or the rod be handed to another person. The rationale is that the hook has not been set with the reel out of gear. Please review the new rules, and any queries, please contact the committee.

3. QGFA—Heavy Tackle Depth Zone

Another rule that was voted on by QGFA clubs and passed effective from 1st July 2018, is that the heavy tackle depth zone has changed from 100m to **150m** for Zone 3 & 4 regions (Harvey Bay to NSW border). What this means is **light tackle classes can be fished at any depth**, however, **heavy tackle (15—60 kg) can only be fished deeper than 150m** (if you want to score club and QGFA points). We will update the Club rules and capture sheets to reflect this.



Fishing Rally Weekend

Well if we are running a Rigging Night in August, best we organise a Weekend Fishing to put it all into practice.

How about September School Holidays Bash?

When: Sat 22nd—Sun 23rd September

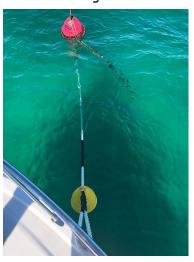
Location: Tangas Overnight at club land Fish Club waters



"Tangas" Mooring Buoys

MBGFC have recently replaced the mooring anchoring system at Tangalooma. We were approached by the Qld Government about installing enviro-mooring system "free of charge". The committee approved the change and Waters Marine, the approved installers removed the chains and installed the seabed screw in spike and "bungee" system. The screws are placed adjacent to the old mooring blocks.

Members, if you are over at Tangalooma, please keep an eye out for them and if buoys are missing please advise the secretary. If non club boats are using them, please feel free to politely ask them to move on as they are private moorings for club members.



"Fishing Update and Capture Sheets"

With a new fishing season commencing first of July, its time to dust off the gear and think about getting ready. There are plenty of winter species around that are great eating like snapper, pearl perch, sweetlip and jewfish. Did you know many of these are "Gamefish" species and you can claim points. Check out the GFAA book for eligible species.

Also there are still school mackerel in the bay and some "horse" longtails over 20kg and blue marlin out wide.

If you do catch some fish and you want to claim club points,

make sure you fill in the Capture Sheet and Activity form (below), and mail back to Secretary.

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Sponsor Profile-GARMIN



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MBGFC are fortunate to have **GARMIN** as our major tournament sponsor and we thank them for their long term support. Is great to see the Technical Support Manager, Wayne Thomsen and his family participating in the tournament on their 28' Bertram, "Witchway".

Another **GARMIN** dealer who has been a long term supporter is **AQUA MARINE SERVICES** and subsidiary, the Maritime Recovery Group. Well known fisherman, Jim McKinnon and son Ryan manage this business in Clontarf. Ryan is the gun **GARMIN** installer and has completed heaps of installations from tinnies to luxury gameboats.

Please consider supporting our sponsors when next purchasing **GARMIN** products or getting a new install.

