



# PERTH GAME FISHING CLUB

## **HOOK-UP**

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## Fishing

For those wanting to get a nice feed or score club points snapper have been in plague proportions around Seaward Reef on Five Fathom Bank just behind Carnac Island – **and it's only 8 miles from Fremantle**. Both daytime and particularly night time catches have been good. Good news for samson fish and amberjack anglers who are keen on the deep water – the Derwent is loaded with them, but 200 m of water will stretch the arm muscles.

A recent email from Dave Gray

*"Ben Weston and I have been doing a bit of plastic fishing recently around the 5 fathom area. We also fished the trench on Sunday, water temperature was up to 20.9°, very nice blue water but very little bird life.*

*We trolled lures in the morning for a couple of 4 kg southern bluefin tuna for anglers Dave Dubbelboer and Ben, we then started a burley/cube trail south of PGFC FAD area then drifted out to around 900m before being pushed all the way to around 3 miles NW of the Hillarys FAD area into 300m of water as the current was strong from the south to north."*

A couple of days after Dave's visit to the trench we got a report and a photo of Jamie Muir's short-bill spearfish caught with a Richter pink soft grassy on 40 lb braid out wide from Rottneest.



## Last Year

An interesting look back at last year – this was the main item in Hook-Up of September 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. Suggests it might be time to look for southern bluefin particularly south of Rottneest soon.

*"At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the records just keep on tumbling. The protracted run of small southern bluefin tuna in easily accessible water, ample bait and the calm weather has seen another record claim come in from Mark Jarrett fishing aboard Reel Addiction last Sunday.*

*This time a 7.05 kg sbt on 2kg taking an hour to land. An earlier smaller fish had taken 1 hour 50 minutes to land and took them 3.2 Nm at speeds up to 4.5 kts.*

*It was late in the day when Mark weighed his fish hence the portaflood illuminated image below.*

*Dave Gray fishing a similar area on Saturday had trouble getting tuna excited although he managed 1 of around 4 kg. Instead they anchored, burleyed up and got a bag of harlequin fish, dhufish, break sea cod and kingfish, they managed some nice kingfish to 78 cm keeping one for a feed."*

## September Social Night

A group of around 30 members enjoyed an informative video on tagging put together by Alistair McGlashan. The importance of correctly completed Tag Cards was highlighted, and for those unable to attend, the highlighted box below has the required information. An equally interesting brief on using soft plastics by member Hon Su of Bluewater Melville was timely in the light of the many bottom fish being taken on them recently – see the story above. Thanks to members for supporting the raffle and to Alex Scholz for putting on the night. Unfortunately the WASSP video could not be shown, but will be on a separate night in the near future.

**TAG CARDS**

Tag cards are an important part of the club's record keeping, not only for scoring but also for historical record keeping (the club has around 60 years of records). The data is compiled for scientific use by NSW Recreational Fishing records along with that collected Australia wide.

One of PGFC's tournament rules is that a tag card or capture form which is incomplete or inaccurate disqualifies a catch. This also applies to Club Championship points. The most common errors are failing to include line class, angler's ID or boat ID.

At right is an example card which has been correctly completed.

*From 2012 PGFC Strike Magazine*

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

**NO A 542571**

DATE: 01/01/2011  
 TIME: 9:30  AM  PM

WAS FISH PREVIOUSLY TAGGED?  
 IF YES TAG No: NO

LOCALITY: ROTTNESQ TRENCH      LAT: 32.0000 LONG: 115.1350

SPECIES: MAHI MAHI      FIGHT TIME: HOURS: 0 MINUTES: 10

LENGTH (cm): 50      TL:  FL:       EST:  MEASURE:       EST WEIGHT (kg): 4

METHOD: DEAD BAIT:  LURE:  LINE CLASS (kg): 2      CIRCLE HOOK: NO  YES       NON OFF-SET: NO  YES

HOOK LOCATION: THROAT:  MOUTH:  GUT:  BODY:       BLEEDING FROM GILLS: NO  YES       FISH CONDITION: EXCELLENT:  LIVE:  MARGINAL:

ANGLERS NAME: JOE SMITH ID 904      PHONE: 91234354

ADDRESS: 14 NORTH ST FREMANTLE      P/C: 6004

CLUB: PGFC      BOAT NAME: XRAY ID 80      SKIPPER: P. JONES

REMARKS:

PLEASE COMPLETE & MAIL TODAY, OTHERWISE TAGGING IS OF NO VALUE.

## Data Page

With cooler weather and less local fishing activities, the data a page is omitted until the November issues of Hook-Up.

For those still interested in keeping an eye on things that affect fishing, the following websites are helpful sources:

The Works – all the links:

[www.pgfc.com.au](http://www.pgfc.com.au)

Weather forecasts:

[www.seabreeze.com.au](http://www.seabreeze.com.au)

[www.bom.gov.au/marine/wind.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/marine/wind.shtml)

[www.willyweather.com.au](http://www.willyweather.com.au)

Sea Surface Temperatures:

[www.seasurface.com](http://www.seasurface.com)

[www.bom.gov.au/oceanography/forecasts/idyoc10.shtml?region=10&forecast=1#](http://www.bom.gov.au/oceanography/forecasts/idyoc10.shtml?region=10&forecast=1#)

Tides:

[www.bom.gov.au/oceanography/tides/MAPS/wa.shtml#form](http://www.bom.gov.au/oceanography/tides/MAPS/wa.shtml#form)

## 2011 – 2102 Calendar

The updated calendar is on the back page of Strike magazine which will be mailed out on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Check out the website for details of club events or to view the draft format calendar [CLICK HERE](#).

**New club stickers available**  
in black, blue or white.

Dress up your boat with a PGFC self adhesive sticker for just \$25. Available from Johnno Wroth 0417 960088 or at social nights. Cannot be posted

## Club Year End Coming Up

September 30<sup>th</sup> is the year end for Club Championship Points. If you are hanging on to any completed tag cards or capture forms please send them into the club Weigh-master John Webber  
 42 Mountjoy Road Nedlands 6009  
 0407 386734

## Club Happenings

### Opening Weekend

In a break from tradition, Opening Weekend is to be held at Rottneest on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November. Pens are available by calling Alex Scholz on 0408 866292 or emailing [pgfc@bigpond.com.au](mailto:pgfc@bigpond.com.au). The briefing for the weekend will be at the Social Night on 8<sup>th</sup> November immediately following the AGM. Further details to come soon.

### Social

The next Club Social Night will be the Annual Presentation Night to be held on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> at RPYC Crawley. Further details coming soon but in the meantime, book your babysitter.

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM is still a couple of months away, Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>, again to be held at Crawley.

### Committee Positions

All committee positions open for the 2012 year. The ones where candidates are being sought by vacancies are Treasurer and General Committee Member. If you have the time and the inclination to do more for the club, please contact any of the current committee members. Contact details [CLICK HERE](#).

### FAD Code of Conduct

Members of the committee have been quietly working on a FAD Code of Conduct and a linked public awareness campaign to be launched concurrently with the November FAD deployment for the 2012 season. The campaign is fully funded outside of club resources. The Code of Conduct has been endorsed by Recfishwest. To view [CLICK HERE](#).

### Recfishwest Grants

Recfishwest has advertised that they are offering grants of up to \$25,000 for

- Extension Materials
- Education/Engagement Initiatives
- Habitat Protection/Enhancement
- Recreational Fishing Safety
- Community Capacity Building
- Access

Promotion of recreational fishing in Western Australia

The committee has ideas on what the club can apply for and welcomes member input with any other ideas

[pgfc@bigpond.com.au](mailto:pgfc@bigpond.com.au).

### ISAF Sailing World Championship

Considerable inconvenience is likely during the ISAF Sailing World Championship event to be held off Fremantle in December. Exclusion zones and restricted access areas will be in force from 3 December until 18 December 2011 inclusive. To download details [HCLICK HERE](#) or navigate through <http://www.perth2011.com/>

## IGFA RULES QUESTION & ANSWER

Please send any IGFA Rules-related questions to IGFA World Records Coordinator: [stjprtek@igfa.org](mailto:stjprtek@igfa.org)

## HAND IT OFF BEFORE THE STRIKE

Passing the rod to another angler



**Q:** One technique that I have found exceptionally productive on my boat while sight casting to fish is for one person to cast from the bridge, simply because they can see so much better than those on the deck. Once the fish hits the bait or lure, the rod and reel are handed down to an angler (in free spool), waiting below on the deck. It is then and only then that the angler on the deck increases the drag and sets the hook on the feeding fish. Please confirm whether or not this method is IGFA compliant.

**A:** IGFA Rules state "The act of persons other than the angler in touching any part of the rod, reel, or line (including double line) either bodily or with any device, from the time a fish strikes or takes the bait or lure, until the fish is either landed or released..." will disqualify the catch. Therefore, the method described above is not compliant with IGFA Rules because the angler passing the rod is doing so after the fish has struck the bait.

That being said, it is perfectly legal when fishing with conventional tackle for someone (other than the angler who lands the fish) to cast the bait or lure and then hand the rod to the angler before the bait or lure is struck by the fish. Fly fishing is a bit different - with all casting and fighting of the fish to be done by the angler.

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### Recreational Fishing Small Grants now Available

Have you ever wondered where the money from your recreational fishing license goes? Contrary to popular belief, the funds are not swallowed up into general revenue, but are in fact used for funding management, research and project initiatives to benefit recreational fishers across the state. With the addition of funds from the Recreational Fishing from Boat license, the contribution made by recreational fishers into the Recreational Fishing Account (RFA) increased significantly.

Recfishwest have recently been working with the Department of Fisheries on the implementation of a small grants scheme for local recreational fishing projects. An allocation from the RFA has been made available for a small grants scheme.

Incorporated fishing clubs and community groups are encouraged to submit an application for funding through the small grants scheme. It is proposed that assessments of projects will take place in March and October each year.



*Pilbara/Kimberley Brag Mat*



*Fishing Line Disposal Unit on the Derby Jetty*

Applications for funding must cover at least one of the following:

- Extension Materials
- Education/Engagement Initiatives
- Habitat Protection/Enhancement
- Recreational Fishing Safety
- Community Capacity Building
- Access
- Promotion of recreational fishing in WA

A maximum of \$25,000 will be made available for any one project, with preference given to projects less than \$5,000.

A small grants assessment committee will be responsible for approval of funding applications.

Full details for lodging an application can be provided by clicking [here](#).

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