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Secretarial Jottings

Notices, notes, items of interest, things of importance and general rambling's from the Secretaries desk.



Hi all!

Well just recently got back from almost three weeks in NSW and although it was winter there the weather was a damn sight better than here in Rotorua so wishing I was still there.

Part of the purpose for the trip was to suss out the fishing areas, accommodation and other matters relating to next years **AAA National Championships and Carnival**. Also to attend the AGM and mid-term Meetings of the Australian Anglers Association of whom the NZACA are Associate Members. The NSW Association are hosting these Nationals next year from late July to early August (18 days) and they have just run their own State Championships at the same venue at about the same time to iron out any hic-cups etc. (This time of the year on this part of the NSW coast is reputed to be the best fishing time in the year) We were privileged to attend their prize-giving dinner & function and made to feel very welcome. I called in on a couple of their weigh-ins to check out the fish being caught – there were some good catches with some quite large fish as well as some smaller species which wouldn't come up to our minimum weights but we don't have that type of shoal fish here.

The prospects for some great fishing there next year by our NZ Team that goes over look great and at their Nationals you can fish all sections (3 days of each) – Off-shore Boat, Beach & Rock and River & estuary – as well as participate in the casting over a couple of days. Some of the program incorporates night fishing. Just need to watch out you don't hook up a whale which are in this area at this time of the year – yes I saw some!

Accommodation is very convenient and not costly (less than \$300 per week for a 2 b/r apartment) and being on the Aussie East Coast means the venue is closer for us than those who travel across from Western Australia. This also means we can capitalise on the cheapie airfares, which are often in the offering to Sydney or Brisbane (South West Rocks is midway between). So with starting savings now would ease the burden. It is hoped that the Association may be able to provide a little cash by way of a subsidy to those going.

Currently we have around 12 people who are interested in being part of our NZ team and if anyone else is interested in knowing more please contact me **urgently** as we have to secure accommodation now so we don't miss out. I have information packs available.

RAFFLE – Clubs will be receiving a call or tickets regarding our **Cash Raffle** for this year. The **\$1000** first prize together with 2nd. Prize of **\$500** and 4 prizes of **\$250** will be drawn at end of November so in time for Christmas. The tickets are only **\$2 each**, or \$10 per book, and are limited to just **3000 tickets** – far better options than Lotto!

We expect member clubs to all play their part in selling tickets which raises funds to enable the Association to carry out it's work which in turn benefits us all and helps keep our Affiliation Fees to a minimum.

So please all do your part in this

At the Executive Meeting just held the decision was taken, after much debate and lively discussion, to take away any line restrictions at our National Championships. The NZACA has been traditionally known as the "light line Association" and prided itself of keen sportsmanlike fishing where light tackle is used and fish caught in a competitive sportsfishing mode rather than using "tow-ropes" to just haul in a feed. We hope and trust that this aspect will continue to be the norm, at our Nationals, despite the change in rules. The main reason for the change is that in today's world where the use of braid is becoming more common, it is not

possible to adequately and easily test braid and one can not rely on it breaking at the labelled stated weight, thus making the former 15kg b/s rule very hard to administer.

Also at that meeting the continued rule of allowing two rods at the Nationals was confirmed.

Effective from next year changes were also made to our Casting. Maximum distances in accuracy for Juniors and Ladies will now be 90mtres. Midgets remaining at 80mtres and all others 100mtres. At the Nationals Accuracy Competition there will be two stated pre-determined distances and one on-the-day randomly chosen distance.

Anyone want to go to Croatia for the World Casting Champs, or to Slovenia for the World Junior Casting Champs – I have all the details available – “*If only*” I hear you saying !!!

The IGFA have changed their requirements for Juniors and Smallfry applying for world records. They will now require the same line and leader and end tackle samples as the older fishers have had to supply. Here in NZ we have always asked for line samples for our NZ Records for this age group.

This brings me back to the hardy annual – we need **Catch Recognition Applications** sent in for the awarding of our many **Annual Trophies**. I repeat these do not need to be record fish! Any catch of any significance an Application Form should be sent in – that catch you may think is nothing special could be just the one that will win you an Award – so let’s see heaps of Applications crossing my desk in the next few months.

A number of **clubs have featured on TV Fishing Programs** of late – The National Office would love to have copies of these for our archives. So if you have a copy of these programs please let me know. The Stroke Survivors Club and the Rotorua F & C.C. have been on Geoff Thomas TV3 show and the Auckland Lady Anglers on the Fishing Show on Maori TV.

Postal Casting – has your club had it’s casting day yet ??? Remember results need to be in by 1st.December. This is a great competition with simply heaps of rewards – and it’s a handicapped one so all have a chance. If you want to know more ring Janine on 027 380 7169 or 07 323 9109.

Next Years Nationals Championships, based at Orewa; and hosted by the North Shore Surfcasting Club, the Hibiscus Kayak Fishing Club and the Executive are now well advanced in its planning. How are your plans for being there ??? Being the lead up days to Easter and the School Holidays means that accommodation should be pencilled in by now and fund raising, or seeking assistance from the likes of Gaming Trusts, should be well underway. Don’t leave it till the last minute. We know there are some Aussies who are interested in coming over following invitations I took over with me recently.

Membership renewal – thanks to those clubs who have already sent in their renewals for this membership year. Still a lot more to come. Remember to be eligible for records and awards a fisher needs to be financial. Send in a schedule of names and a cheque based on your last years membership and do a correction later on in the year – that means no one misses out.

Congratulations to those NZACA Members who have recently been appointed to positions on the Ministers Regional Forums. We have a lot to thank these people who give up their valuable time on our behalf.

The **NZ Recreational Fishing Council** have just held their Conference and AGM and we were represented there by Derrick Paull. We hope to bring you a report on that meeting in due course.

The deliberations and discussions on the group looking at **Securing the Future** which is considering where we go in the future for an overarching body representing all NZ recreation fishers is ongoing and we will keep you informed as we hear relevant news. No news does not mean nothing is happening with these important discussions.

Your Executive has made submissions on the recently published Draft Strategic Plan for the renamed NZBGFC now called **NZ Sport Fishing Council**.

Finally some changes to note :- We have a new website, thanks to the work of Jason our Webmaster. We have been given notice by our current website host that the system our present website is running will be switched off this month. Thanks to Jason Walker for developing a new website for us – we are lucky to have folk like him in our Association. The new site is under development and will be switched on this month. Our website address will remain as is now <http://www.nzaca.co.nz/>. The email address secretary@nzaca.co.nz (in addition to nzaca@xtra.co.nz) still stands and you can now contact Jason on webmaster@nzaca.co.nz.

What clubs need to do now is to ensure Jason has all your latest details and it is a good opportunity for you to review what you want on your club page on our website. Now over to you

*Well that's it again from me for another month or so.
Remember the raffle – it's important we sell all the
tickets. Read back through the above and highlight those
items needing action*

Graeme Dawber

Your Association Secretary