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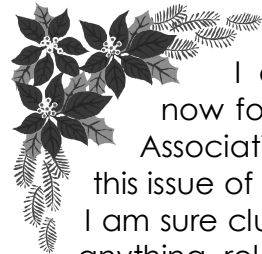
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Secretarial Jottings

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



I am aware that Clubs will have wound down now for the year and thus the opportunity to pass on Association News at a Club Meeting will have passed so this issue of Jottings is just going out via the email database. I am sure club officials who receive it will be able to pass on anything relevant to their members who are not on the database.

However we do take this opportunity of passing on Greetings to all fellow anglers and compliments of the Season to you all. I hope that all you wish for this coming Christmas comes to fruition and you have a safe and enjoyable festive time with family and friends. May your fishing lines bring forth the gifts from the sea that will give you delight.

This issue will consequently be just a brief one. The major item of news is regarding the **Retreat/Conference**, which was held the other weekend.

Whilst numbers were not as great as first hoped for, we did have 15 clubs represented and the discussion was forthright, relevant and meaningful and all who attended all spoke of the success that the event was and that maybe it should be repeated every couple of years.

Clubs present represented both large and small well established clubs along with clubs and personnel who are relatively new to the Association. Mr Jim O'Brien, of Wellington, performed the duties of chairman and facilitator in a manner that kept discussion flowing and ensured that the outcomes were relevant and appropriate. It will now be up to the Executive in many matters to do the required follow-up work and hopefully see material brought forward to the AGM next March in Feilding.

The Conference Delegates reaffirmed the principles on which the NZACA was established some 54 years ago and looked hard at our aims and objectives to see if still relevant in today's world. So despite falling numbers and the hard economic times we are all facing, all felt there is still a role in the NZ Recreational Fishing scene for the NZACA to fulfil.

A full comprehensive Conference Report, along with conference papers will be forwarded out to all clubs in due course.

My personal thanks for those who did the work behind the scenes and to the clubs who either attended or at least sent in apologies for being unable to be present. The biggest disappointment was the lack of communications from a number of clubs who didn't even bother to reply to the invitation to come to Rotorua – the well-known apathy of NZ Fishers unfortunately is evident even in clubs!

Postal Casting results are now closed and again only a handful of clubs have entered again this year. This is a shame because there are so many achievable rewards in this competition – even for the novice casters.

We are going to hear a lot more about casting in the coming months and there was a lot of very good discussion regarding this sport at the Conference. I believe that casting is going to play an even greater part in this Association's activities in the coming future.

National Championships – How are your plans going for attending these based in Feilding next March ?

The Feilding Club has done a lot of work towards these and a visit by the Executive Nationals Convenor recently to Feilding has confirmed that all is on track for a great event. Your accommodation should at least be pencilled in by now and because Feilding is in the centre of quite a wide area there are plenty of options for

accommodation not only in the town itself but in neighbouring centres which may be closer to your desired fishing areas.

Those of you who wish to charter boats should have this well in hand but if by chance you haven't contact the Feilding Secretary (Dick Lash 027 242 2549) or Brent Rolston (027 230 249) to look at various options. It is understood there are some local boaties who will be will to take folk out into these productive waters where some trophy fish are lurking.

Just a note to remember the event starts on the Wednesday (28th) morning with the casting and this will be prior to the AGM, briefings etc. and all fishers will need to attend the briefings. The program also gives a more "laid-back" prize-giving and dinner function with entertainment starting during the afternoon on the final day rather than the usual evening.

I know for some Feilding and the lower North Island seems a long way to go but it is no different than those southern clubs have had to face in attending Nationals in the northern areas. Let us all give our support to the Feilding Club by being there – I am sure you will not be disappointed.



Over the Christmas/summer period there are lots of fishing competitions held around the country. If you are holidaying in one of those areas go along and give them your support – they are often run by small clubs and organisations. Make yourself known to organisers and put in a plug for the NZACA – your Association. If you are involved in the running of such competitions why not get from the national Office a supply of our brochure that can be given out to competitors.

One such competition is the Annual Bonanza held by our member club – Rotorua Fishing & Casting Club. A flyer about this is attached to this issue of the Jottings.



At this time of the year it is appropriate to express gratitude to those who have supported the NZACA throughout the year. I know it is not always good policy to name such because one often forgets someone but we will take that risk.

We must say thank you to the fishing publications for their support, especially the NZ Fishing News, Fishing Coast to Coast and the BayFisher. The avenues of communications offered by such magazines is hard to duplicate. Those who support us in our National Championships and are evident in the Nationals Booklet. Big thank you to Okuma (our Naming rights sponsor) and to Bruce Alvey, Top Catch, The Bait Station, Kilwell Sports, Ocean Kayaks and Viking Kayaks. Thank you also to businesses such as Advocate Print, The Rugby Shop (embroidery) and Sublyme Screen Printers. To Apex Trophies & Awards and the other sponsors in our Members Manual – we would not be able to function as well without you. To NZ Post for a further supply of community pre-paid envelopes. To Pub Charities for assisting in the finances of the recent Retreat.

We also express to the NZ Sports Fishing Council for supplying our Aussie Team uniforms and we look forward to a closer relationship with this Council in the time ahead.

My personal thanks to the hard working Executive Members – the Executive often comes in for criticism but we sometimes forget that these are just volunteers with all the other responsibilities of work and families and they freely give of their time and efforts – thanks! Along with the Executive are the "Executive wives & partners" without their support and work behind the scenes the poorer we would be.

Lastly and most importantly thank you to all our clubs and their members for the support you all give to what is "your" Association. Let our New Resolution be to work together in the New Year for the betterment of not only our organisation but for NZ recreational fishing in general – there are some challenging times ahead.

Well that's it for me for this month and for this year .I know I keep on saying this – but it's true – the NZACA is YOUR Association we on the Executive are just working on your behalf. In many instances it is what you make it and depends what you put in to what you get out of it."What's in it for me"? – the answer is in your hands. Have a great Christmas.



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Your Association Secretary