

TATHRA AMATEUR FISHING CLUB INC

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Venue: Kianinny Bay Clubhouse

Date: Sunday 21 August 2011

Time: 11am

Financial members are eligible to nominate for a position on the Committee. Forms can be obtained by contacting the Secretary. **Nominations for office bearers close 7 August 2011**

Following the election of Office Bearers there will be the prize presentation for largest fish species caught by both senior and junior members for the 2010/11 season.

The committee extends a warm invitation to members to join us for refreshments at the conclusion of proceedings

Welcome to all our new members

T AFC PRESIDENTS REPORT 2011.

I have been sitting here pondering the magic of spending time, with a line in the water not only alone but with loved ones and friends whilst waiting for that moment the line takes off telling you a fish has taken the bait. There is something extremely special about going fishing with your children and passing on the knowledge, skills and understanding of your local area to them. The joy, pleasure and achievement in pitting your skills against those of the fish, returning home with a bag full or having released them to catch again. These skills have been passed down from generation to generation and though the equipment we use has changed and improved, we still rely on the same basic principles our great forbears used.

It was while contemplating these thoughts I was informed of the passing of Waco (Ken) Galli, one of the founding members of our club. Waco used to have a boat on the sliprails in Kianinny and the fishing stories he passed on to the younger generation are legendary. Waco was there at the beginning of the T AFC, playing a major role in building the original clubhouse that was washed away during huge seas in the early 70's. He was a regular participant along with his kids and grandkids at our fishing competitions until age and illness forced him to stop.

I think Waco personified what we all love about fishing, the peace and quiet, the exhilaration of landing the fish, the camaraderie and last but not least the pure pleasure of seeing our children listen, learn and then catch their first fish.

With the ever increasing pressures placed on our fishing stocks we need to play an even bigger role in the education of our children when it comes to fishing. We need to ensure that everyone who fishes takes only what they need returning the rest to sea to ensure our grandchildren will be able to enjoy what we currently take for granted.

On a more negative note I have been disappointed in the amount of fish skeletons that have been thrown in Kianinny. I know a lot of people like to feed the birds and stingrays but this causes untold problems when both have had enough to eat leaving the skeletons lying on the seabed. Remember we are not the sole users of Kianinny and as such should not pollute or provide ammunition to others in the community that may hurt us in the long term. What I am asking of all members, is to take it upon yourself to enforce the rules and stop people throwing skeletons into the bay.

Lastly on behalf of all our members I would like to thank the committee and volunteers for all their work during the last year. These people donate hundreds of hours a year to ensure we have the fishing competitions and facilities we currently enjoy.

Peter Fitzer

NEXT FISHING COMPETITION

Col Russell Memorial: Sunday October 3 2011

Heaviest Sand Flathead -Details and prizes TBA

TRIVIA:

Freeze the Balls off a Brass Monkey

It's not what you think! On ships cannon balls were sometimes stacked in what was called a monkey, usually made from brass. When it got really cold the monkey would contract forcing some of the cannon balls to fall off

Housekeeping:

Be careful with water use

Paint your **radio number on your trailer**. Remember Tathra Base is not a Marine Rescue station and routine checks of empty trailers are your safety net.

FEES: You membership invoice is enclosed with this newsletter-

1. please pay promptly by mail or online

2. please include your radio number or name when paying online

3. please **don't wait until next time you come to Tathra to pay** -although a lot of members think this is easier for us in fact it is not.

Talking about the ol timers of our club...

This fellow goes out to White Rock to check an illegal cray pot he had nestled in a little inlet there He looks around to make sure there are no Fishing Inspectors about and proceeds to pull the cray pot out to check it.

An Inspector steps out of the bushes, "Ahha!" he said and the fisherman spun around and yelled "Sh.....t!". The Inspector, who wasn't expecting such a response said "Settle down, I'm the Fishing Inspector". "Thank God for that" says our ol fisherman, "I thought you were the bugger who owned this cray pot".

Fishing:

Deep Sea: The recent early autumn flooding put the flathead right off the chew. Things are returning to normal but they are still patchy. One day it's easy to bag out the next it's hard to get one in the boat. However the water is getting colder and the snapper are coming on the bite over the reefs.

River: The river also is still settling down from the flooding and the recent heavy rains, but good bream and the big old dusky flathead are still showing up for photo opportunities.

The Wharf: As always the wharf is the "surprise packet" when fishing but is always good for bait fish

Beach: There are a lot of deep gutters from one end of the beach to the other and rips are making holding bottom difficult. However salmon are being caught by those willing to persevere.

Game: The first southern blue fin have already been landed up Bermi way. Good size Yellowfin Tuna have also been caught in the last week or so.

How do you talk to a fish?

Drop it a line!