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CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR THE SCGFC

JUNE 2014

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## Introduction to alternative investments

The alternatives category encompasses a diverse range of investments that aim to provide different return and risk characteristics to traditional bonds and listed stocks. Although these investments can be more complex and expensive to manage than the traditional kind, investors use them in the expectation of earning a premium return, taking advantage of the opportunity to search among less efficiently priced assets. As a result, their inclusion in an investment portfolio can improve its return and risk characteristics.

The alternatives category includes private equity, hedge funds and infrastructure. Each type of investment allows skilful and knowledgeable investment managers to earn a premium over traditional assets. The pioneers of alternative investing have been the endowment funds of major U.S. universities, such as Yale and Harvard, allowing them to earn significant, long-standing returns.

Many Australian private investors have shown little interest in alternatives, with self-managed super funds in aggregate holding a negligible amount. In part, this reflects a lack of access to viable alternative investment managers. In contrast, institutional investors have had ready access and taken advantage of the opportunity. Australia's Future Fund, for example, currently allocates 30% of its \$100bn portfolio to alternative investments.

The alternative investor's expectation is that by allocating part of an investment portfolio to such investments, certain benefits can be gained:

- A portfolio's expected return-risk profile can be improved because the returns from alternative investments can behave differently to traditional assets such as stocks and bonds;
- Generation of positive returns through periods of underperformance in stocks and bonds;
- Access a wider opportunity set of investments, reducing concentration risk;
- Better align the maturities of assets with liabilities in a portfolio; and
- Allow the generation of a preferred cash-flow stream.

Alternatives have had low correlations with cash and fixed interest, and low, negative correlations with equities. These variations contribute to different return and risk characteristics in an investment portfolio. Since 1994 alternative investments have on average produced a higher return with less volatility than Australian equities. For a diversified portfolio, the inclusion of 10% to alternatives has improved returns while increasing the standard deviation only slightly.

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## welcome

Welcome to the 2014 June quarter edition of the Sunshine Coast GFC's Reel Talk publication. By all accounts, members are loving the new format! All credit for the design and production goes to new sponsor, Red Livermore from RedMan Designs. For those who own, operate or are employed in a business which requires the completion of graphic design work, please give Red a call. His service and workmanship are second to none.

This edition is packed with recounts and reports from members' recent fishing trips, an update from Smithy about what's been happening whilst on charter and details of a couple of big Blue Marlin caught within the last few months. Added to this are updates from our hard working committee, who continue to work tirelessly to implement new club initiatives (i.e. the website, blog etc.) and take the SCGFC into the 2015/16 season.

With the end of the 2014 financial year now closing, we have published some great information on alternative investment opportunities, presented by our major sponsor, Ord Minnett. For those members who may be looking to refresh their investment portfolio or require financial advice, why not give the team at Ord Minnett

a call. From a taxation perspective, the SCGFC is lucky enough to have the support of Poole Group. If any member requires assistance with their FY14 taxation affairs, give Craig McCulloch and the Poole Group team a call.

June has seen the continuation of a Black Marlin and Sailfish bite east of Mooloolaba and the Catapult, Misty and Reel Capture teams have been into them. Such catches have been vital to the research being conducted by Sam Williams and this edition includes the latest update from Sam on the status of his research. We look forward to this bite continuing throughout early FY15 and hope that our members can get out into them.

Should you wish to form part of our Reel Talk contributions team, please get in contact me with on 0410 758 244 or [mholland@mcgrathnicol.com](mailto:mholland@mcgrathnicol.com)

*Don't be shy and jump on-board.*

Regards

**Mark Holland**

Reel Talk Coordinator

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## events

**PRESENTATION NIGHT**  
26/07/14

**Mulu Char – Shop 2, 4-8 Duporth  
Avenue Maroochydore**  
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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
05/08/2014

**7:30 in the Cocktail Bar  
@ Kawana Waters Hotel**  
Contact: Brett Barton 0408 607 344

**SPRING SHOOTOUT**  
03/10/2014 – 06/10/14

# president's report



## JUNE 2014

As I write this, the 2014 season is coming to an end, and the race to the finish can only be described as passionate and dedicated by all anglers and skippers in the running for the top gongs! I can only encourage other members to be so fired up throughout the seasons in years to come. It is what this club has been bred to do. So often we state proudly that the SCGFC is the No.1 club in both Qld and Australia and we are hoping to take both of these awards again at the upcoming QGFA & GFAA AGM's.

*Planning is also well underway for the "October Shootout" which again will be hosted during the long weekend on October 3rd-6th.*

The QGFA AGM will be hosted by the Gold Coast GFC and I will be there to attend along with Brent, Jay & Even Jones. This AGM meeting, where club delegates from across the state are all in one room, is a great opportunity to discuss QGFA topics, plus the night time functions are a great opportunity to catch up with senior members from other clubs to discuss how they operate and how they are all going. It is to be hosted on the 16th & 17th August so lets hope we bring home the awards.

Our clubs AGM is to be held at the August General Meeting where the committee all step down and new and old committee members are established. Be sure to speak to a current member if you have any interest in being on the committee for 2015. We are always looking for new faces to freshen up us old stalwarts and to help with the general running of the club. Planning is also well underway for the "October Shootout" which again will be hosted during the long weekend on October 3rd-6th. Be sure to reserve this weekend as the comp is now a qualifying event for the IGFA OWC, to be hosted again in Costa Rica in 2015.

The introduction of the new website has been commended by all and the blog and forum are seeing some great traction. I am sure these will be in place for years to come giving members access to plenty of information about game fishing in general. Along with the website upgrade, the committee are also in the middle of upgrading our sponsor proposals and new member packs. Having them all professionally made up into booklets with simple presentation folders will certainly make the best GFC in the country look the part as well. I look forward to showcasing the improvements in the coming weeks.

The SCGFC would like to thank all of its sponsors. As I always say, we would not thrive without our generous sponsors and we are continuously looking for new sponsors to continue the success of the club. As members we all need to know who our sponsors are, and we need to support them when we can. Let them know who you are when you use their services, and they will see what a great community club they are supporting.

The time is here to lock in the date for the clubs biggest night of the year. The night where as many of us as possible all get together to toast a great season: the winners; the losers; and as always those who made idiots of themselves. The SCGFC Annual Presentation will be hosted on the 26th July in Maroochydore at Mulu Char, on Duporth Avenue. We are looking to get the event catered to keep the costs as reasonable as we can, so please get your RSVP's in as soon as possible so we can arrange a night to remember.

Enjoy your club and don't be shy! Come and speak to us and make sure you are involved. We are all about promoting the sport, educating members in the sport and having a great old time. Let's keep the SCGFC the best Game Fishing Club we can.

Time on water equals more fish... *Over and Out*

**BRETT "BARTO" BARTON**



# club captain.

It was always going to be hard to pick how good the 2013/14 season was going to be with 500 + tags the previous season - could we back up? The early signs looked good, Townsville had good numbers after a tough couple of seasons and then Sails turned up in Spring ensuring everyone got out on the water and active.

As the season went on we kept racking them up, fishing wasn't hot, wasn't constant but when they were biting there was enough for everyone. The bonus has been the length of the season right though to end of June, now it's a lottery who will tag the last billfish of the year. Our tally with a week to go are,

**251 BLACK MARLIN 115 SAILFISH  
15 BLUE MARLIN 1 STRIPED MARLIN**

It's difficult to remember such a close finish, the clubs 3 leading teams Misty, Catapult and Reel Capture have collectively tagged nearly 250 billfish and are all in the mix for champion boats and angler categories. The dedication to fish out the whole season and the friendly rivalry, radio banter and great times on the water is what being part of a club is all about.

So many other teams also contributed to the scorecard, over 30 in fact which shows the depths of the clubs membership of nearly 200 members. Our teams competed in the majority of SEQ tournaments, with wins to the Ord Minnett team on Zues at the Spring Shootout, Champion angler at Townsville on 3rd placed on count back Kamikaze to the club captain, Reel Capture in the February Classic and Outside Edge at the Gold Coast Heavy Tackle Masters. Also a win at Innisfail comp for the Rampage team with life member Evan Jones aboard.

While impossible to know, history shows the club should be competitive at QGFA, All Ports and potentially GFAA levels. The club will be represented by our top skippers, crews, female and junior anglers at the QGFA presentation dinner. With the GFAA based on number of Billfish tags Channon or Darren may be a real chance of taking out the biggest award in Australian Gamefishing, our top crews will also be in the mix for Champion boat in Australia following in Kamikaze's footsteps from last season. The IGFA OWC team of Heath, Barto, Jay and myself fished well but were well behind the leaderboard by day 3, if you get the chance to go don't miss it, representing the club overseas is as good as it gets.

The year has been good for research with Sam Williams completing his fin samples and we look forward to his research paper to be released. We have also experienced a higher than average return on recaptured Sailfish and Black Marlin. Interestingly our 2 most recent sailfish and

black marlin were tagged on the 18 mile only to be re-tagged on the 18 mile 2 1/2 months later. We will never know whether they were resident or actually departed the Coast and returned.

This year I have closely followed Ripcharts sea temperature and ocean currents. As expected there was a consistent correlation between the warm currents and both light and heavy tackle bites. Of particular interest was watching the current in the Gold Coast and the subsequent Blue Marlin bites that followed. Hopefully we will see more

warm water off the Cape next season. Without doubt some of the best water all season ran down the break sea spit, I can only imagine the fishing that must have went untouched up there. Once again we now turn to the year ahead and my tip is the first billfish will go off within the first few days of July. This club is renowned for it's dedicated, skilled fisherman and if the fish are biting, rest assured we will have boats on the water doing what we do best. I can't wait to see you all at the SCGFC presentation dinner, it will be a fantastic night to celebrate a great year.

Winter time a Billies beckon - in Alberts words - Go get em.

*Tight Lines – Brently*



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# treasurer's report



As at 30 June 2014

## Significant Transactions since April report: (\$200+)

- \$2277 Paid to Bodo Muche for Annual Presentation Awards Night
- \$540 Paid to JPG Design for Reel Talk Printing
- \$2500 Received from Ord Minnett for 4th Installment of Sponsorship
- \$600 Received from Penrite Oil for Sponsorship

Thank you to all sponsors who supported us during the 2013/14 Season.

## Financial Members:

- We finished the season with 198 Financial Members compared to 196 members last year.

## Bank Balances:

- Cheque Account: \$15,362
- Term Deposit: \$10,000 @ 3.75% p.a. Matures 06th September 2014.
- Term Deposit: \$20,000 @ 3.75% p.a. Matures 8th October 2014.

**Total cash:** \$45,362. This is an increase of \$718 since last report.

## Un-presented Cheques:

Approximately \$300 (Auditor has cheque book)

**Unaudited SCGFC Cash Profit (Loss) 01/07/13 - 01/04/14:** \$1,269

Cheers – Jay Graham



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# Bev's BLUE



On 28 May 2014, Bev and I were invited out on "Old Salty Dog" fishing heavy tackle. Before this date, Bev had never caught a Blue Marlin so we jumped at the opportunity to fish with Captain Nick and the crew. Nick took us well wide of Cape Moreton and it was in the early afternoon that we hooked up to a fish on 130lb gear.

Bev fought the fish in the chair and followed the advice and directions given by Barry Higgins. The fight took approx. 30 minutes and the fish measured 2.7 metres once we had it subdued alongside the boat. According to the charts, it would have weighed approx. 420lbs.

The fish was released with a tag in its shoulder and it was high 5's all around. Unfortunately we had to disqualify the fish for club points because Bev had difficulties removing the rod from the holder and required assistance from Barry. Regardless, it was a great day for Bev and myself and we would like to thank Barry and Nick for a great day out – thanks fellas!

Regards

Glen Fennell



# BLACK MARLIN BULLETIN NUMBER 5

**MARCH/  
APRIL 2014**

**Samuel Williams &  
Dr. Julian Pepperell**

## Attention all Billfish Anglers Black marlin fin clips needed

### FIN CLIPPING PROGRESS

#### West Coast

With the AIBT and Gamex tournaments in Exmouth combining to record a staggering total of 2399 billfish Raised, 1708 Hooked and 904 tagged over the 9 days. Our program also benefitted with total of 17 finclips taken during the Gamex tournament along with additional clips in the AIBT. The 17 clips taken during Gamex were made up of 4 taken by Goldstrike II, 3 from Sunride, 2 from Ruffunuff, Pussee galore and Tools and single clips from Ceilia and XTSea. On top of the clips taken during the tournament, we also received 12 samples sent over by Len Ventigan and Luke Leech that were taken by King Bay and Nickol Bay clubs. Seven of these samples have been announced to anglers from KBGFC during our September and November newsletters, with fishers James Dedman, Russle Cleaver, Warren Tucker all taking new clips, to add to the final lot of entries for our West Coast Lucky Angler draw.

Overall a tremendous effort taking the grand total of West Australian samples during our 9 month project to 67+ finclips, from ~20 anglers across 4 Game Fishing Clubs. As many of you know Dr. Julian Pepperell was at Gamex undertaking tournament sampling similar to that undertaken in NSW and wishes to personally thank all of the anglers for their support and enthusiasm in his research endeavours.

#### The Gulf (Weipa to Darwin)

The run of little black marlin hasn't yet kicked off in Weipa for the year, however this didn't stop angler Ben Bright from getting in on the action at Port Stephens while aboard Scott Thorrington's, Freedom. Ben managed 4

clips in the 2 weeks leading up to the tournament before attempting to try to tag some billfish on fly gear. Ben's work advocating for the sample collection and taking samples himself has been second to none, which has enabled our genetics work to give indications of where the juvenile black marlin in the Gulf have indeed come from. All of this along with the major findings of our study



will be reported in a later edition of the bulletin once results have been under peer-review.

#### East Coast

During February the attention of East Coast anglers turned to the Interclub after much of last year's tournament was cancelled due to poor weather condition. This year I was down at the tournament assisting Dr Pepperell with the routine tournament sampling where we were handed 4 black marlin fin clips in addition to those taken by Ben Bright (mentioned earlier). Two samples came from Scott Thorrington, while Jay Househam and others also managed to take samples during the first week of the event.

Further up the east coast of Australia in South East Queensland, the juvenile blacks are still on the bite with SCGFC committee member Robert Smith taking 10, Brent Higgins and Barton taking 3 apiece, and Paddy Diamond taking another sample. This effort from the SCGFC has to be commended with the club taking 24 samples during the 9 months of the project in addition to those taken before its commencement.

#### Lucky Angler Draw

The time has come for the business end of our lucky chance draw giving two anglers a chance to win signed copies of Julian Pepperell's award winning book "Fishes of the Open Ocean". On the West coast the winner from a total of 67 entries was sample number 34 belonging to Scott MacGowen, Skipper of The Wench. Scott had three entries into the lucky chance draw,



proving that all you have to do is be in it to win it. For the East coast, we pooled the Weipa anglers and the East Coast anglers giving an entry total of 68. The winning entry was sample 16 from the east coast which

happened to belong to Ben Bright, which is a fitting reward for the effort put in over the course of this program. However ben already owns a leather bound copy, so has told us he is going to unselfishly allocate the book as a black marlin specific prize in the annual Weipa Billfish Tournament.

#### A 'teaser' of our research findings

So far our genetic analysis has resulted in the publication and submission of two short research publications. However, the results of our major manuscript which will be of interest to many of you are yet to be published. But in advance of this, I can let you know that we have found some interesting conclusions such as, where do the fish in Weipa most likely come from? How many black marlin stocks are there in the central indo-pacific? What information supports spawning grounds for black marlin and where? The answers to these long-standing questions will be released in the next Bulletin.



Jeda Ellens	15
Rob Smith	14
Ben Bright	11
Mick Mieres	7
Brent Higgins	7
Nick Hill	6
KBGFC	5
Chris Nisbet	5
Josh Bruynzeel	4
Eddy Lawler	4
Goldstrike II	4
Bernie Vale	3
Sunride	3
Scott Macgowan	3
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Paul Leijser	1
Ceilia	1
XTSea	1
Kim Anderson	1
Russle Cleaver	1
Zuri	1
Chris Thurkettle	1
Graeme Fisher	1
Allan Jackson	1
Tim Richardson	1
<b>West Coast Total</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Wiepa Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>East Coast Total</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>135</b>



# CHARTER REPORT

- By Robert Smith

On charter this past period the mackerel have been the mainstay of the fishing, mostly Spanish and Spotted Mackerel. Like the light tackle billfish, they are hanging in way later than normal. The Queens Birthday holiday weekend is usually the death knell of the main mackerel run other than for a few big winter loaner female Spaniards up to August. Certainly the spearfishers see mackerel schools all through winter, they just don't bite. Maybe they are down under the thermoclines or maybe they just shut down and go into a winter hibernation.

School mackerel can be a winter fish though. They can be on at places like Raper Shoal, Currimundi Reef and Coolum Reef on the Sunshine Coast and the Rous and Rainbow Channels in Moreton Bay. Since living on the coast I have seen good bites occur in August and September trolling pillies for these fish. Over the summer, the shipping beacons off Bribie hold the schoolies as well as the close reefs off Caloundra like the 5mile and 7mile. If the Spanish and spotties haven't played the game for me I have saved my skin a few times fishing for the schoolies on those aforementioned reefs this season.

Other club members to get in on the action down at Caloundra with me have been Nev and the boys on Shearwater the 2700 Walkabout Noosacat with twin Verados, Deano on One Way his 18' Everglades centre console and Angus from DFSea the T21 Contender with twin Yammies. Gathering live baits and towing them ass slow as possible on wire has been the gun technique. Some days off the downrigger, other days off the surface.

Trolled pillies on gangs also had their moments and we have also done well spinning slugs off the bottom. Mostly on the drift but throw a bit of berley in and they come from everywhere and you can nearly pick which mackerel you want to catch. This has been great for guys who don't want to troll or who have bought their own spin rods as I still prefer to troll with mono and am mostly 15kg in that case and my own overheads I trust.

Snapper wise I am only seeing up to three a trip on reef fishing days at the moment. I did have one good afternoon getting five for the dusk session, three true snapper, one nice squire and a just legal. Jay and crew went the afternoon after on Sea Bee and smashed it with 8-10 snaps on dusk, around 20 Rosy Jobfish and around 40 fish all up. Parrot and Hussar etc have been the mainstay for me over summer on the reef. I didn't hear of any good Grass Sweetlip bites at all until just recently which is one fish that can have a bite over summer on the reefs. For the sake of the snapper season let's hope we have a cold one and they come in close this year. The only thing is we are set for an El Nino dry spell by all accounts which will most probably result in another mild winter. Last year I think I only put the beanie on one day but the first few years I was operating back in the Stabicraft days I remember wearing beanies days on end and wishing I had gloves and bagging out on snapper on soft plastics on all the close reefs from Coolum to the Caloundra 5mile.

**Tight Lines - Smithy**



# BIG BLUE MARLIN



Dan Smith headed out in May 2014 wide of Cape Moreton on his 530 Cruise Craft and managed to hook a big Blue Marlin on one of his lumo "Smithy" lures. Upon hookup, the fish dived 300m without jumping and unfortunately had a heart attack and died at that depth.

Over three hours later, the fish was brought boat side and taken back to Redcliffe to be weighed. The fish eventually weighed in at 540lbs on certified scales. It just goes to show, there are some big fish out there!

Dan always tries to release billfish however, in this case, the fish was put to good use including for scientific research.



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# My first season with the SCGFC

Hi to all, I'm Michael Lassen from "Jim Bob" and I joined SCGFC half way through the season. It's been a great decision to do so. I was getting onto some billfish and Johno the mate of mine that got me into the game scene said it was time to join a club. So he said SCGFC is the place for me up here. I gave Barto a call and from day 1 was welcomed into club as if we had been mates for years. And it's been really great to see that I'm not the only one that thinks about fishing all the time!

We are so lucky to have the grounds that we do out there on our doorstep and now when you have a club environment where you can ask questions and use other peoples experience to improve your fishing you can really take advantage of it. You see the totals of Catapult and Misty and you just get that fire in you to try and not only keep up but try to give them a run for there money. I can't wait for next season just to learn from these guys there fishing is top notch and that's why they are leading the count and would be great to improve my own technique.

I have played footy for a while and played for a few teams and I love the club atmosphere, but they have nothing on the SCGFC. At my first meeting, I had Paddy introduce himself and I chewed his ear for 15 minutes before we went in. I introduced myself to Smithy and I haven't stopped pestering him about going on a Snapper trip with him.

The best thing about the club is that there aren't any cliques and there isn't any 'oh you're the new guy'. Rather, it was like I've always been there. So, thanks to Johno for pushing me to my next step in fishing. I look forward to continuing to develop further mates in SCGFC and develop my fishing with the support of SCGFC. Here are a couple of dollies Jim Bob got the other week.

**Michael Lassen**



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## SCGFC Annual Presentation Night

Dear Member, the annual awards night that will be held on 26th July 2014. Please come along and show your support for this seasons winning anglers, captains and teams.

**WHERE:** Mulu Char

**ADDRESS:** Shop 2, 4-8 Duporth Avenue Maroochydore (underneath Aurora Apartments)

**TIME:** From 6pm. Food will start at 6:30pm

**COST:** \$25 Per person

**INCLUDES:** 2 x Canapes. Grazing Table with ham/rolls/mustard. chutney etc. Assorted Hot Dishes buffet style.

**DRINKS:** \$3 mid and heavy beers. \$3 white and red wines. \$5 Bundy, Jack Daniels, Vodka, Scotch including mixers.

**Please RSVP by 23rd July** by replying to this email or contacting anyone on the committee.

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