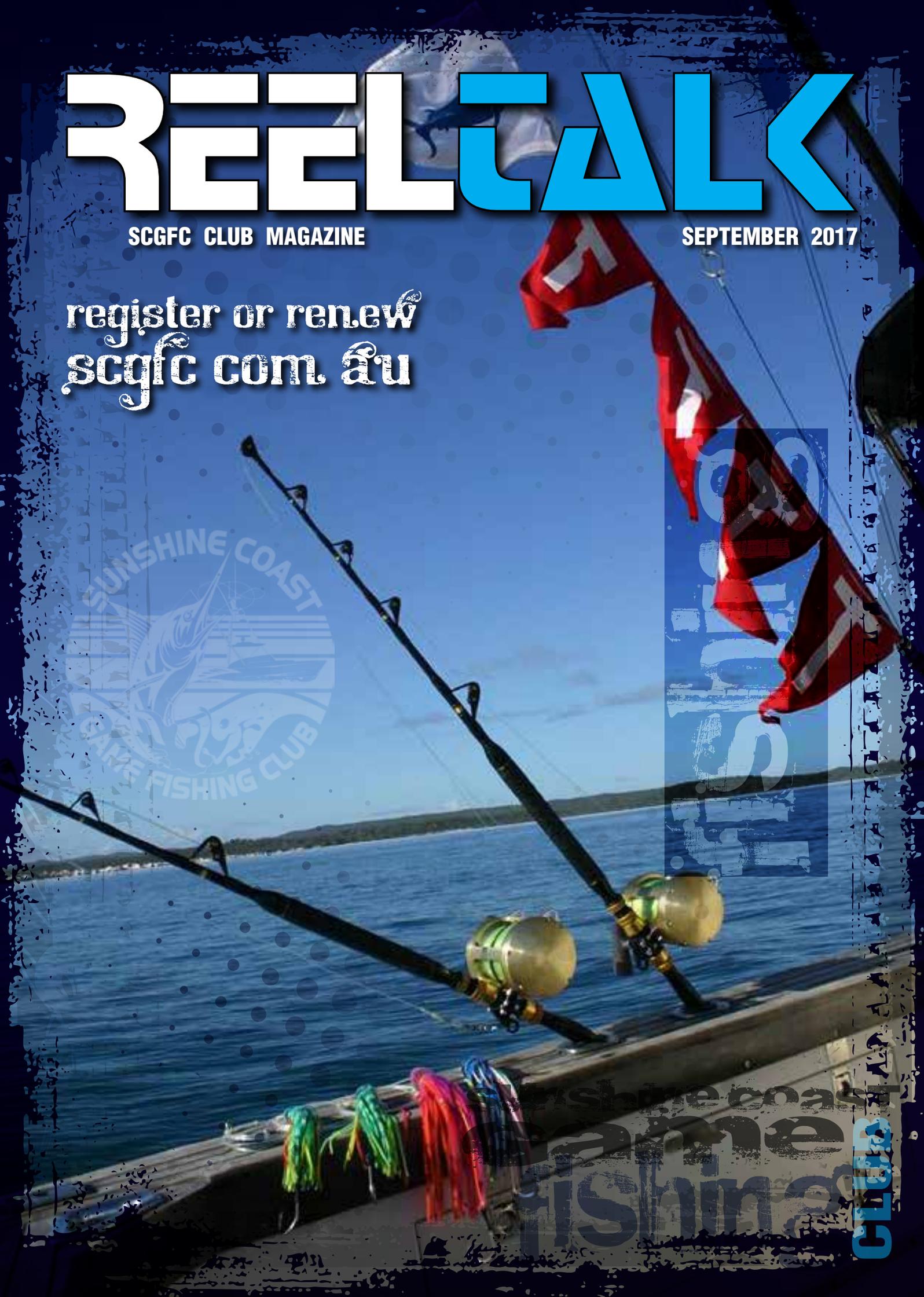


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# welcome

Welcome to our latest SCGFC Reel Talk magazine and thank you to everyone who has contributed to this fantastic edition. The SCGFC has had a very successful year and there is some recaps further in to look at but we took out Champ Club QLD again with Champ Boat, Champ Angler, Champ Junior along with some All Ports awards as well. Looking forward to the GFAA Awards as there is a good chance we should have some winners amongst that as well. With the comp on this weekend and the weather looking better then past years we hope to have a successful event with plenty of laughs, fish and fishing stories. See you all out there guys & girls and all the best for the remainder of the season.

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## events

**SCGFC SPRING SHOOTOUT**  
September 29 – October 2, 2017

**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**  
Tuesday 14th November  
@ Kawana Waters Hotel  
Garmin Talk

**RALLY DAY**  
December 26, 2017

**RALLY DAY**  
January 1, 2018

**SCGFC CLASSIC**  
February 1, 2018

# president's report



Season 16-17 has ended and what a cracker it was. Starting off with a bang as Fraser fired early, the good fishing continued throughout the year which made for a fantastic end of season and varied list of winners for the awards night. Thank you all for your participation.

The QGFA AGM/Awards are in Mackay this August, the club will be represented by Brett Barton, Tim Massurit and Evan Jones. Hopefully the Club will do well in the state awards and the guys bring home plenty of trophies.

On the committee front we have been busy working on the awards night which promises to be a fantastic night at the Surf Club Mooloolaba upstairs in the function room overlooking the beach. It will be a sit down 2 course menu with a cash bar, kids eat free as the club will pay for them. Please be sure to grab a ticket and help celebrate our wonderful club and its achievements.

Moving forward into 2017/18 season, the club will be keeping the 2 zone format of Sunshine Coast Waters and Queensland Waters as the system proved very popular last season and provide some different results. We will also be running the Spring Shootout this year and the Classic will return to its traditional February dates. Apart from this we will have tackle days, kids days along with some social events.

Finally, thank you for being a part of the SCGFC last season whether you fished heaps or only a little. We have a great club with fantastic comradery that makes everyone welcome from newcomers to juniors and females as knowledge is shared to make everyone's time on the water enjoyable.

All the best for the 2017/18 Season,

**Crossy**





# club captain.

**Well you never know what a season will bring and on reflection the 2016/17 can be regarded as a cracker producing many highlights with 453 billfish tags. With 87 Blue Marlin tags we were only 1 short of last seasons outstanding 88 tags.**

Having had reasonably low Black Marlin numbers on our local waters we hoped that our waters would return to a traditional season. Also in effect was our first season with a Sunshine Coast & Qld Waters zone, designed to encourage competitive fishing out of all Queensland locations and to keep strong incentives in place fishing out of our local waters.

The year kicked off well with an abundance of micro Black Marlin throughout July, August and September and then the presence of Blues right through to the Fraser Comp which club boat Reel Action cleaned up, out fishing the heavy tackle fleet. This Fraser bite was perfectly suited for the boats targeting the Queensland Waters categories prior to returning home for the traditional season.

Sadly again the Sailfish failed to show in Spring, it seems a long time since the last bite in 2013 (120 tags). However Blue Marlin fishing was consistent and Sea Star helped themselves to back to back wins dominating the Spring Shootout in October for back to back wins and qualifying twice for the 2017 Offshore World Championship.

With light tackle fishing relatively quiet on the home front, first signs of what lay ahead came when Reel Capture found Black Marlin just outside the Barwon Banks over the Xmas break.

Soon Jubilado & Chaos had found them as well with the rest of our fleet then cashing in on what was a hot bite from late December right through to April. With bait consistently holding in the 80-110m area at the top of the Banks the club produced over 200 tags.

During this period it soon became apparent that the season would be the "Year of the Junior" with Ben Massurit and Bryce Bartleson setting new benchmarks for Juniors. Ben went on too also set not 1, but 2 GFAA small fry Black Marlin records on 6 & 8kg line classes.

As the bite progressed into March the club seemed well poised for a serious crack at the Back to Tanga's comp. The weather and fishing was stella and the end result was a strong win to Chaos, 2nd to Pole Dancer and Champion under 7m to One Way.

Other highlights for the season were, Dave Kreutz producing champion U7m aboard Moose at Redcliffe in January, new members Will Martin & Mark Lynch on More Bills producing an exciting win at the Mooloolaba Billfish Bash and Finatic coming Runner Up at The Gold Coast Blue Marlin Classic.

Below are our last 3 season numbers by comparison, without doubt we hope 2017/18 can produce similar numbers. With good numbers of Blues and Striped in local waters the season is already under way. Congratulations to Blake Swanepoel and Reel Capture for taking out the first billfish of the 17/18 season.

**Brent Higgins**

## **2016/17 SEASON**

Marlin - Black: 343

Marlin - Blue: 87

Marlin - Striped: 15

Sailfish: 8

## **2015/16 SEASON**

Marlin - Black: 161

Marlin - Blue: 88

Marlin - Striped: 7

Sailfish: 5

## **2014/15 SEASON**

Marlin - Black: 268

Marlin - Blue: 26

Marlin - Striped: 8

Sailfish: 13



# treasurer's report



It is hard to believe that the 2016/17 season has come and gone already. Financially the year was impacted by the cancellation of our Classic Tournament due to bad weather as some costs were incurred without any income. Where possible we will be using prizes and shirts for the 2018 Shootout so have elected to carry those costs forward to the next year and as such the unaudited profit below is after adjustments for these amounts. **A reminder, all membership subscriptions for 2017/18 are due so please remember to pay these asap.**

## Summary of Transactions for 1st July 2016 through to 30th June 2017 (unaudited):

All Income	\$74,697
All Expenditure	\$67,582
Net Operating Profit	\$ 7,114

## Financial Members:

**Financial Members: 207**

## Bank Balances:

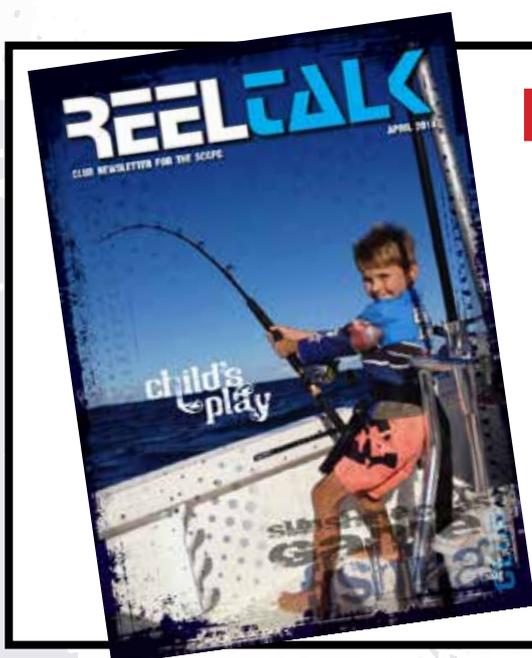
- Cheque Account: \$20,906.98
- Investment Account One: \$10,962.52 (Matures 8/10/17 @ 2.70%)
- Investment Account One: \$20,000.00 (Matures 6/9/17 @ 2.55%)

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Regards – **Craig McCulloch**



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# TACKLE TALK

WITH **STUART MACKENZIE**

**A game fishing outfit isn't a cheap investment so keeping it in great operating condition is a wise move. Using an 80lb outfit as an example, the reel will set you back around \$1100, the rod can run as much, if not more. The reel has far more moving parts that require attention, however these parts are in a sealed case away from the high-pressure saltwater spray. While there will be some water incursion, it won't be significant.**

Reels also have the capacity to hold a fair bit of grease which adds to the longevity and protection of the moving parts. Unfortunately, roller guides don't have any of these luxuries.

In fact, most rods get no special attention other than a wash. They are often left to dry then put back in the rod rack until needed again, and they are expected to perform flawlessly when used. After many years in the rod building/tackle trade, I have seen it all. The common denominator is always neglect. I have seen some great

fish lost to poorly maintained rollers and I'm sure many more will be lost due to the same reason.

Rods are often stored in the gunnels when underway, of course some keep the reel covers on so no saltwater enters the reel when the spray slams into them, however the small roller guide cops the lot. Rods are always getting hit with water, even when trolling, it really is relentless. The tolerance between the axle and the roller body is so small you could be forgiven for thinking it's impossible for water to penetrate, but it does.

When a fish is peeling line at a fast rate, you can imagine how fast that little roller is moving. The small axle has to deal with a lot of heat from a fast spinning roller plus the downward force of the drag applied at the time. When water gets hot, grease has no chance. It's the main reason why axles become dry. It's vitally important to keep these small but important parts in tip top shape. When a roller decides to give up the ghost, it's often when you have hooked up, in fact, precisely after the first blistering run.



A roller that stops turning, heat builds up in a millisecond, at this point your line parts company. Its normally followed by the usual expletives of blaming the roller guides.

I think people either overlook roller maintenance, or they have very high expectations from such a small part.

Servicing your rollers take no time at all. It takes 2 beers to service all the roller guides, maybe three if you take your time. In real time, around 30 minutes.

On any roller guide, you will have a pin and a screw, one either side of the frame. You will need 2 screw drivers in order to undo these. Once you have undone them, remove the axle, the roller will drop, in which case remove the roller from the frame. You will notice a small bush that is inside the roller, you can push that out using with the tip of a Phillips head screw driver. Be careful not to burr the end of the bush. Once that's out, and all other rollers are stripped down, throw the lot into the some metho to soak, you can use kerro, or even thinner if you have it. The best tool to wash these parts clean is the wife's toothbrush. Brush the axles clean, inside the roller body and the bush. Once done, wipe each part over with a clean rag or paper towel. I use paper towel because I can see any black gunk the toothbrush didn't remove. Now its time to grease all the parts. I find it easier to do this task by placing all the parts in an ice-cream container. I throw the axles, bushes and screws in while leaving the rollers out. I then spray all these



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# TACKLE TALK

WITH **STUART MACKENZIE**

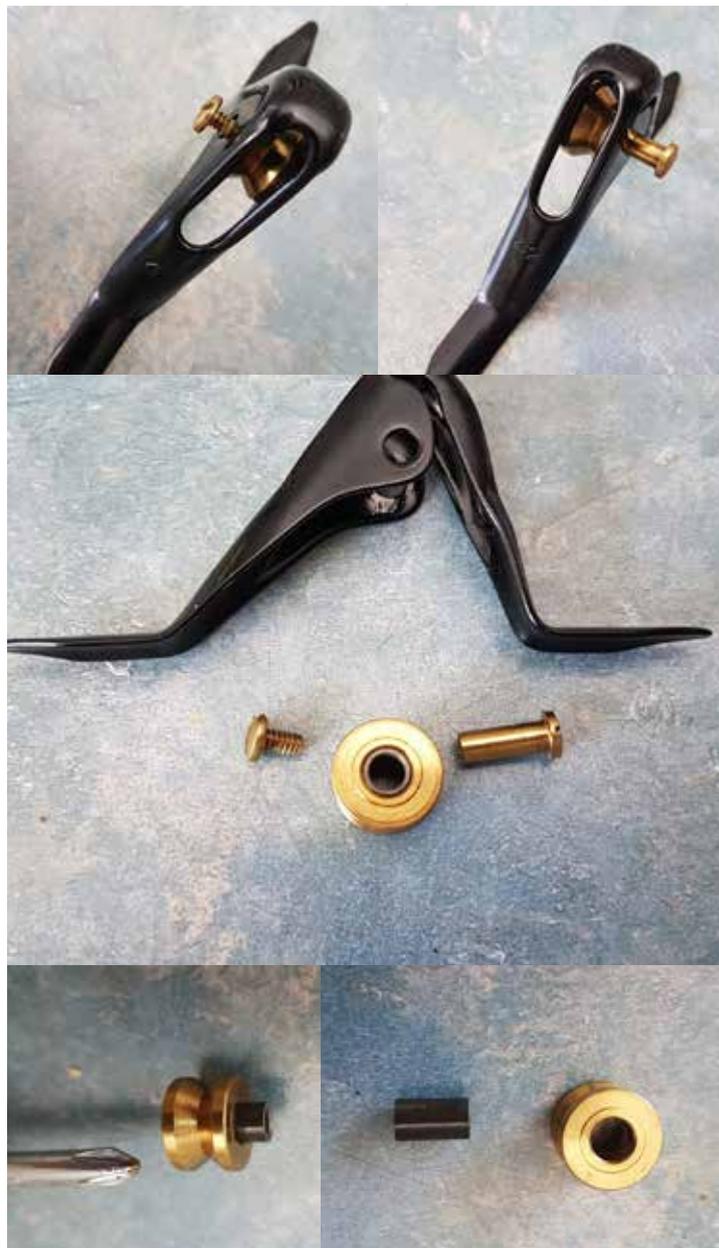
parts with a CRC white lithium grease while moving the container around. This will coat each part evenly. Once coated you can start re assembling the rollers. The white lithium is a great product and one I have used for many years. You buy it from Bunnings, its cheap but very effective. Lithium base grease is a very good lubricant that will hold up to high temperatures, saltwater, but more importantly, it won't wash out. Common grease laying around house won't cut it, nor will reel oil, it's too light and will wash out in one or maybe two trips.

When re assembling the rollers, its critical you don't over tighten them, this will cause the frame to compress which will jam the roller up. Tighten but don't overdo it, just check the roller is still turning once tight. If you are worried about the screws coming undine, you can rifle through your partners nail polish stash. Grab the clear one and put a tiny dab of it on the screw tip, then do it up. It will act like a mild lock tight.

In the photos you can see the actual parts involved along with a photo of the lithium spray I use.

Small tip, never use detergent of any sort for washing down rods that have roller guides fitted, it's a detergent and as such, will remove grease as intended. You can use warm water or just tap water, use a cloth or sponge to wipe the rod over.

**Stu**



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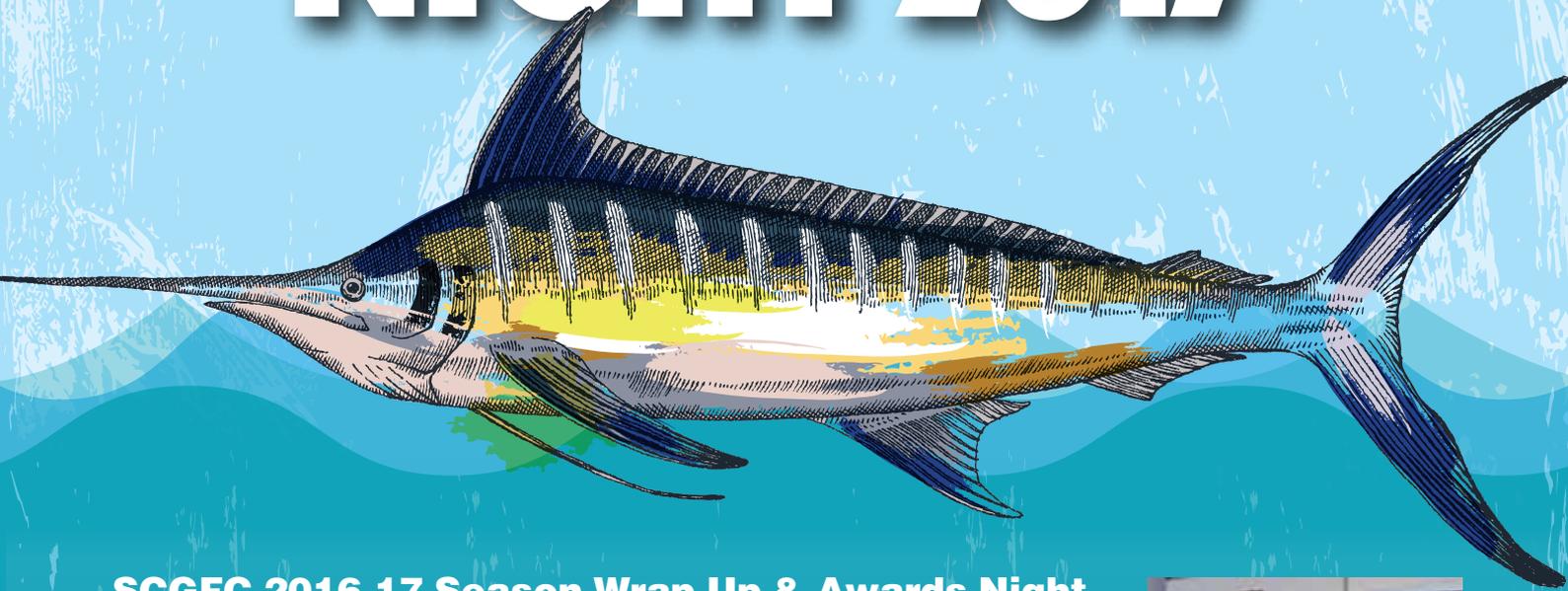
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## SCGFC 2016-17 Season Wrap Up & Awards Night

The awards night this year was held at the Mooloolaba Surf Club and was a welcomed venue by all who attended. This was the first time that the split zone format was awarded and given the lengthy amount of trophies on offer, the night ran smoothly. Special thanks to our sponsors who support the SCGFC along with consistent SCGFC advocates Albert and Pauline Threadingham for their efforts throughout the year.

The SCGFC had one of its most successful years with just over 200 members. It was great to see our club be inclusive of male, female and junior anglers not only at sea but at social functions as well.

Congratulations also goes to Ben Masuritt for setting a couple of records this year on different line classes for Black Marlin.

### SOME STATISTICS FROM SEASON 16/17

**Marlin – Black: 343 Marlin – Blue: 87 Marlin – Striped: 15 Sailfish: 8**

It goes to show that every contributes to these numbers as 10 People caught 10-15 marlin, 1 Person caught 20-25 and only 1 person caught over 30 marlin.

Our members represented us with tournament wins, placings and champion anglers at Hervey Bay, Redcliffe, Gold Coast, Back To Tangas and Mooloolaba competitions.

As a club we were represented around the world at tournaments in Costa Rica, Fiji, Hawaii and New Zealand. Thank you all for being a part of a fantastic season, the winners are below.

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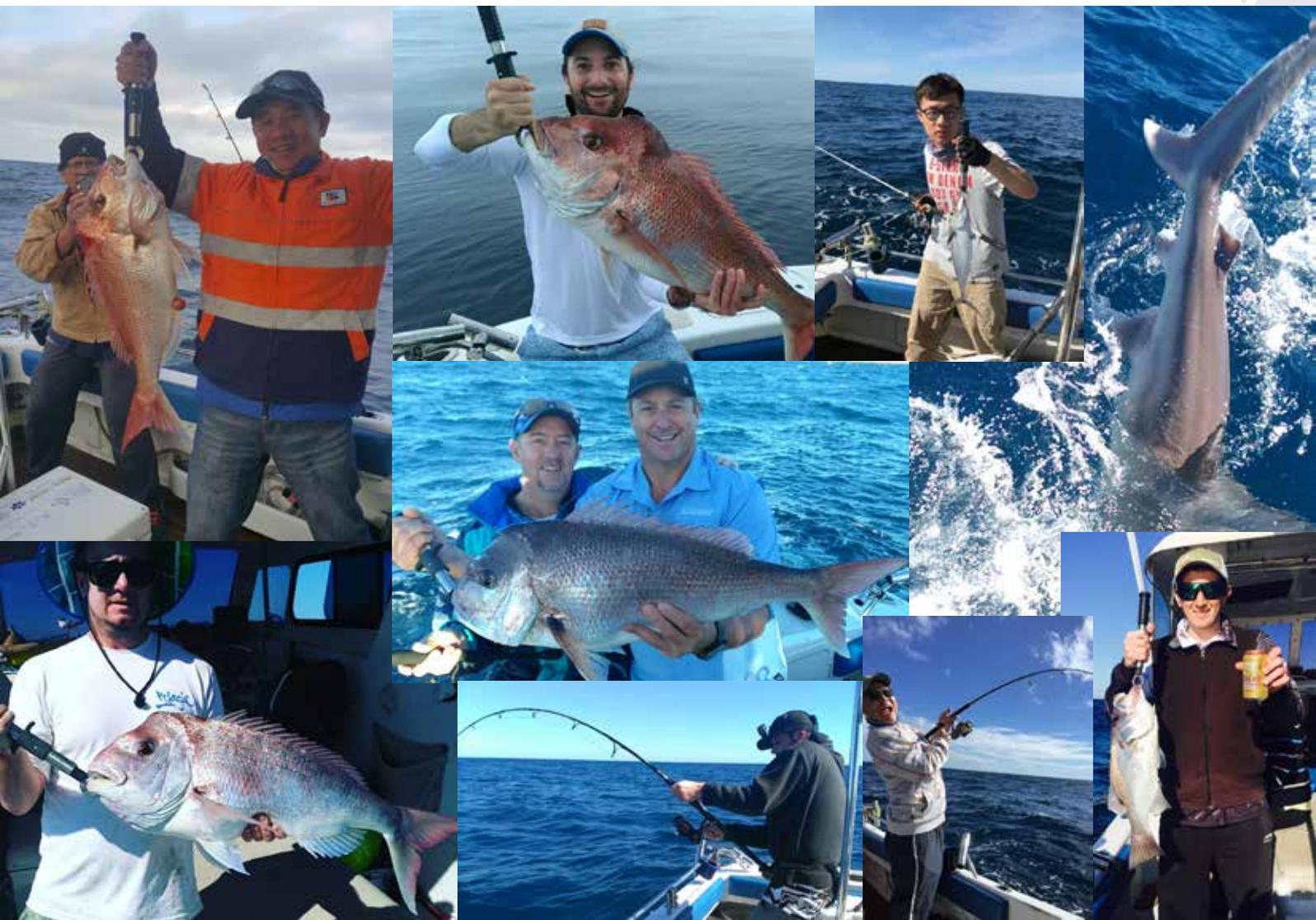
- By Robert Smith

Post cyclone Debbie everything went to pieces on the pelagic front. There were a few blue and striped marlin caught and only very few mackerel. The tuna were pretty good though casting to schools on any given day.

Looking forward, we are right in the winter reef fishing season. We are a chance of micro marlin if the bait turns up. There is lots of bait inshore at Pt Cartwright and all of the Caloundra reefs at the time of writing. Let's hope it shifts out to the 50m line. Coming into Spring is sailfish season. Blues and Stripes on the shelf are a 12 month proposition as well.

There are signs the reef fishing will be good this winter and the snapper will come in. It has been pretty good reef fishing both out wide at the Hards and inshore since the cyclone. The trout never really fired though this autumn. For juniors or record chasers I am having a pretty good run on the seriolas. The ajs are going good this year again. They also turned back up in close at a mark a lot of us know as "House of Pain," mostly on live squid jigged at the Inner Gneerings. The squid might go good this winter too at the Inners, Mudjimba and Bray's Rock. Through winter, the Hutchies area is worth a troll if bored for kingies and ajs. I am also jigging a heap of mack tuna out wide on the micro jigs. I think Jewies might go good this year as well. I have seen them caught off the beach locally on my Facebook and also Coolum and they should also be on Murphys.

**Smithy - Out!**





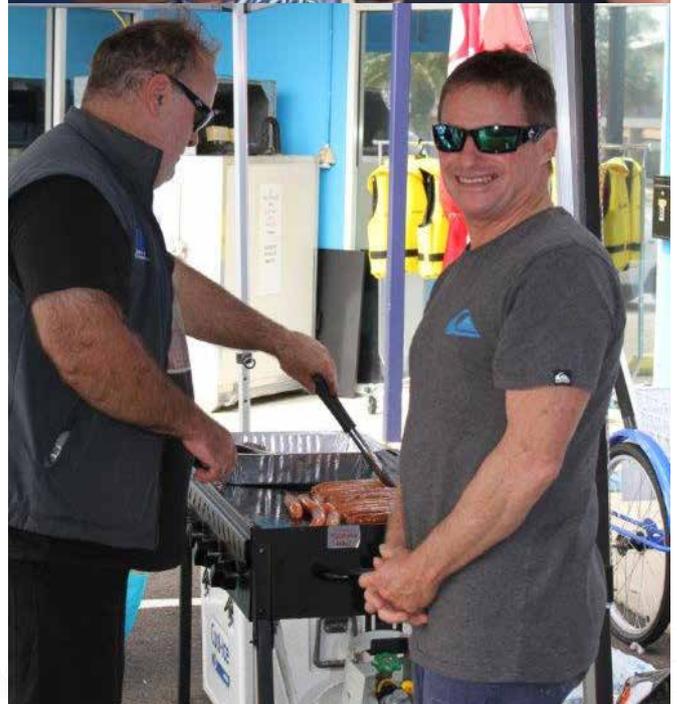
# TACKLEWORLD FUNDRAISER

Thanks to our sponsor and long-time supporter of the club Tackleworld Kawana Waters for the opportunity. Owners, Adam & Kelly Austin contacted me saying they were going to have a mega sale weekend with heaps of specials and promotions and invited us to do Bunnings style BBQ and a raffle to raise some money for the club. I jumped at the idea as this would assist us in covering some of the costs of the SCGFC Classis that was cancelled due to unfortunate weather. The call was made to club members who were able to assist with the BBQ on the Saturday and the response was massive, and again it showed there is strong support from members to help the club and give back when they can. Massive thanks must go out to Grant Prince of Princes IGAs as he donated all of the food and drinks for the day, I even have some left over for the next event so we all thank you for that Grant.

The raffle went well as 1st prize was a Gary Howard rod with a Tyrnos 20 Reel won by Ian James, 3/4 day Charter on Odyssey Fishing Charters won by Longy and Mark Crane donated a Century Battery for the 3rd prize. The day all in all was a success with \$842 raised and there were plenty of members that popped down for a snag and to spend some money at Tackleworld and as Adam stated, it was a gigantic weekend for them and a huge success. There was even Tackle Rat there who had a surprise visit from Batman, who just wanted a fight...

Thanks to everyone that was involved and who stopped in to say hi..

**Barto**

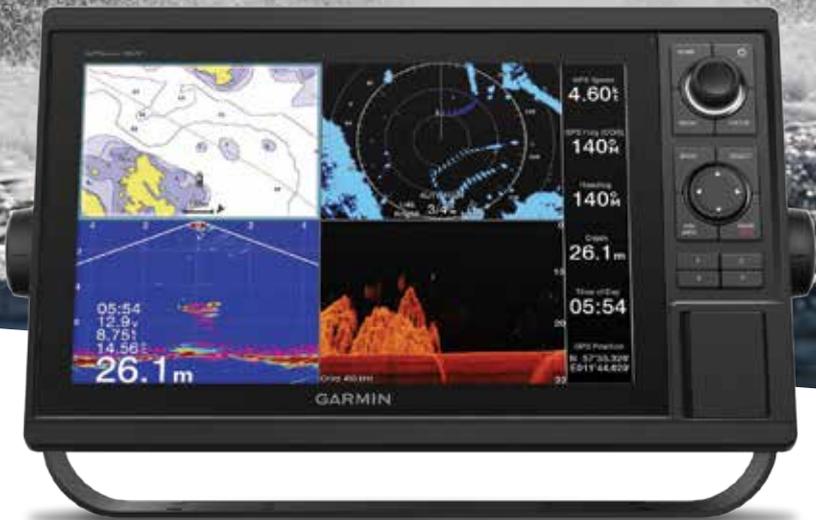




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*and there is only one boat that we can start with!*



## One Way

**Owner:** Deano Bartleson  
**Build:** Edgewater 18' 6" Centre Console  
**Power:** 115hp Yamaha 4 stroke



## Black Mamba

**Owner:** Troy Rumblelow  
**Build:** Sea Hunt  
**Power:** 150hp Yamaha 4 stroke



## Pole Dancer

**Owner:** David McMaster  
**Build:** 30 Foot Black Watch  
**Power:** Twin 330hp Cummins Diesel

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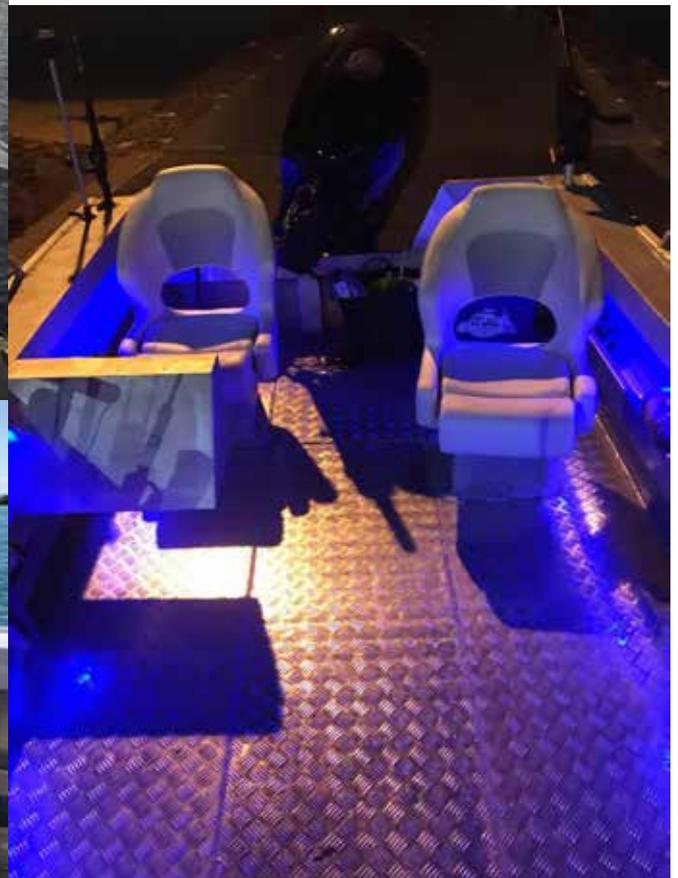
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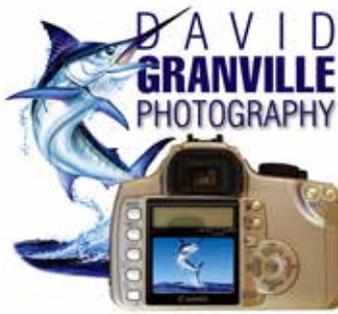
**Owner:** Mick Reed

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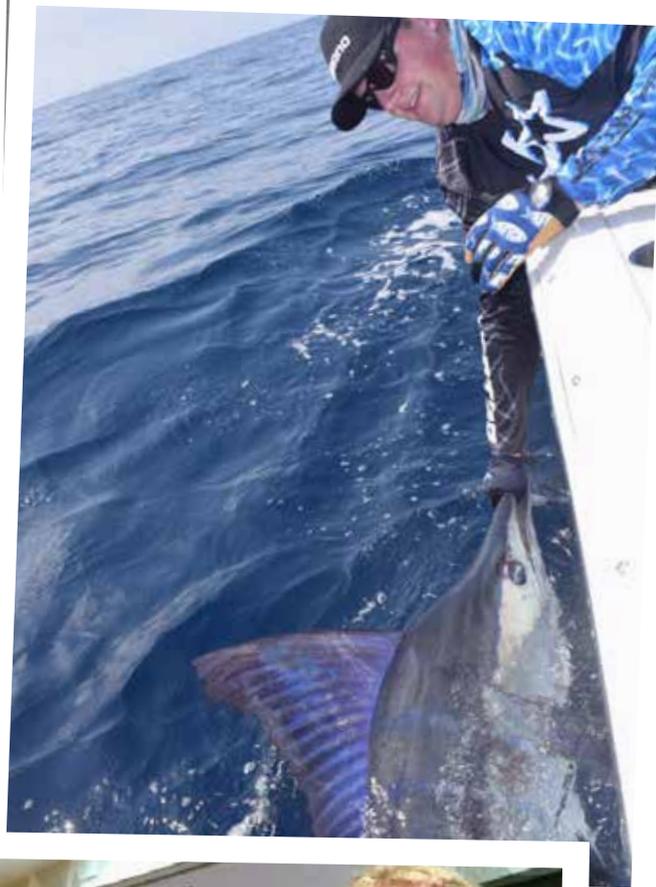
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