

Victorian Game Fishing Club

Annual Report

2013 – 2014



40th Anniversary



VICTORIAN GAME FISHING CLUB INC.

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FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting of Members to be held at the V.G.F.C. Club Rooms, 186 Station Street, Edithvale on Wednesday September 3rd 2014, at 8:00 pm.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. To confirm the minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Game Fishing Club
4. President's Address
5. To adopt the Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year 2013-2014
6. To elect Committee Members
7. To appoint an Auditor
8. To appoint an Honorary Solicitor
9. To transact any other business that may be brought forward in accordance with the Club's constitution
10. To conduct the September General Meeting according to the agenda

Alexandra Koster
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ANTON VOGIATZIS

Dear fellow anglers,

Another year has come and gone and a new season is upon us. Fishing opportunities seemed limited during 2013/2014 season as the weather seemed to be against us with constant record breaking wind speeds and sub arctic wether proved challenging. None the less those that ventured out were rewarded with some great catches.

A last minute hiccup with the Victorian Game Fish Challenge venue on Phillip Island meant we had to find a new venue. With the help of WPAC and BSGFC saw the tournament move to the port of Hastings and was a great success. The distances needed to travel to the ocean was a little further but this port is closer to home for many and accommodation options were much more suitable and abundant for those wanting to stay close by. Thank you to the Geoff Fisher with his help setting up the tournament radio, Gerry Rodrigues and the rest

tournament committee for their help on making this the largest tournament of its kind in Victoria.

As always we lost a few members but gained some new ones, our membership remains steady and our club has a strong financial standing. The trend in club fishing seems to be on the decline across the country but feel that we will soon see an increase of competitive anglers striving for excellence looking to take that next step.

Thank you to all the committee for their help over the years. Brian Higgs as Vice President always ready to give a hand, Nicole Sandy with her tireless efforts as Treasurer, Alex as secretary and GFAA junior state coordinator doing a fantastic job, Simon "Wattsy" with his excellent contribution to the club as Assistant Secretary, Ash Gillam taking care of our house and bar duties and Wendy Gillam an asset to the club with her excellent organisational skills keeping us in line and arranging an

exceptional Presentation dinner. A special thanks to Geoff Fisher, this year's VGFC Presidents Award winner with his tireless efforts behind the scenes assisting with the clubs difficult tasks on top of holding demanding positions with GFAV and GFAA. Thanks to you all for playing a vital part in the clubs success.

After several years in demanding positions such as secretary and president, I will be taking a break from the club committee. I assure all of you that I am far from gone as I love the VGFC and will be there behind the scenes offering support when needed. I believe the Victorian Game Fishing Club is truly one of the best around and look forward to many years to come.

Hope to see you all on the water soon.

Tight lines and screaming ratchets

Anton Vogiatzis
President VGFC

SUB-COMMITTEES FOR 2013-2014

DELEGATES TO G.F.A.V.

Andrew Fennessy
Brian Higginbotham

Tom Satorie
Anton Vogiatzis

PROPOSED TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 2014-2015

	<i>DATE *</i>	<i>VENUE</i>	<i>TOURNAMENT</i>
1	November 1 st - 2 nd	All Designated Waters	Melb Cup Day Weekend
2	Nov 29 th - 30 th	All Designated Waters	2 nd Boat Championship
3	December 27 th – 28 th	All Designated Waters	3 rd Boat Championship
4	January 3 rd -4 th	All Designated Waters	4 th Boat Championship
5	January 24 th -26 th	All Designated Waters	BBGAC Blue Water Classic
6	February 21 st -22 nd	Tournament Boundaries	Victorian Gamefish Classic
7	March 7 th -8 th	Bermagui	26 th Alliance Tag & Release
8	April 4 th -6 th	All Designated Waters	Easter Boat Championship
9	April 25 th - 26 th	All Designated Waters	9 th Boat Championship
10	May 2 nd – 3 rd	All Designated Waters	10 th Boat Championship
11	May 16 th -18 th	All Designated Waters	Canberra Yellowfin Tournament
12	June 6 th -8 th	All Designated Waters	SWAGC (Queens B'day)

BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP HOURS ARE
7:00 AM TO 4:30 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

* **These are approximate dates only, all subject to ratification.**

SOCIAL

WENDY GILLAM

This past year has been my first on the committee as social coordinator and it was a pleasure to do. We had a great team on the committee and I was very fortunate to be able to ask Alex and Nicole for advice whenever needed.

Our first social function of the year was the Annual Christmas Party held at the club rooms and we had in excess of 50 people who came along to enjoy a pre-Christmas catch up. It was a pleasure to see our members and their families. The night started with Anton's delicious spit roast served with salads and wraps followed by lots of yummy deserts. After dinner the children all eagerly waited for Santa to arrive. When he did all of the children sat very patiently waiting for their presents, it's always so lovely watching how excited they get to see Santa. I

would like to thank all of you who came along for your support and everyone who helped to make the night a success.

The next social function was the Annual Presentation Dinner which was held on the 16th August. We had a great turn-out with over 60 people attending.

The night began with pre dinner drinks, followed by delicious prawns and cheese arancini for entree.

After presentations hosted by Paul Mills and Andrew Coburn our main meals were served - mouth-watering steak, scalloped potatoes and steamed vegetables and cream cheese stuffed and bacon wrapped chicken served on mushroom risotto. The children were served crumbed chicken, chips and steamed vegetables.

We continued on with the presentation and Geoff Fisher was awarded the President's Award by Anton for all of his hard work for our club.

For desert we had a large selection of delicious cakes and seasonal fruit platters. I would again like to say a very big thank you to Nicole, Alex and Cindy for helping me on the night and also to all the people who helped clean up at the end of the night so we could get our little (very tired) people home.

A special thanks also to everyone that came along, encouraged ticket sales, helped set up the club rooms and selling raffle tickets. I really appreciate all of your help in making it a very successful and enjoyable night.

I have really enjoyed my time on the committee.

Wendy Gillam

HOUSE

ASH GILLAM

Well that's another year come and gone! The year seems to have really flown.

Our long serving and hardworking bar fridge was finally put out to pasture (to be used by a couple of deer hunters to hang deer in) and we purchased (thanks to Brian) a new bar fridge. Thanks to Anton, Simon and Brian for helping to remove the old fridge and install the new one.

We held a working bee on the 26th of July. We weeded the whole front and back area, re-mulched the garden beds, cleaned the front undercover area, concreted the back steps, removed and disposed of the stainless steel bench that had been in the bar, mounted trophies on walls and had a general clean up.

I would like to thank the members who did attend although it was disappointing that only 6 could.

There is not a lot else to report as we are still waiting on building reports to be done so that we can fix up the cracks in the brickwork on the front of the building.

Thank you to everyone who has helped out with the bar this year at our meetings

Ash Gillam

ANNUAL TROPHY WINNERS 2013-2014

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY	GEOFF FISHER	
ALEX SINCLAIR MEMORIAL TROPHY (HIGHEST POINT SCORING BILLFISH)	-	
CHAMPION BOAT CAPTURE	TAUREOS	
CHAMPION BOAT TAG & RELEASE	TAUREOS	
HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER TAG & RELEASE	ANTON VOGIATZIS	
CHAMPION ANGLER TAG & RELEASE, VICTORIAN WATERS	ANTON VOGIATZIS	
HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER TAG & RELEASE – SENIOR MALE	ANTON VOGIATZIS	
HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER TAG & RELEASE – SENIOR FEMALE	SHARON OATES	
HIGHEST POINT SCORING JUNIOR TAG & RELEASE	COOPER MILLS	
HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER TAG & RELEASE – BILLFISH	ANTON VOGIATZIS	
HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER TAG & RELEASE – TUNA	ANTON VOGIATZIS	
HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER TAG & RELEASE – SHARK	CINDY D'AURIA	
HIGHEST POINT SCORING ANGLER TAG & RELEASE OUTSIDE DESIGNATED WATERS	DYLAN SIMPSON	
MOST MERITORIOUS VICTORIAN BILLFISH	-	
MOST MERITORIOUS VICTORIAN GAMEFISH	QUINN SCOTT	Southern Bluefin Tuna 124Kg
MOST MERITORIOUS VICTORIAN KINGFISH	-	
MOST MERITORIOUS VICTORIAN SHARK	-	
MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE INSIDE DESIGNATED WATERS	QUINN SCOTT	Southern Bluefin Tuna 124Kg
MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE BY A LADY	-	
MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE BY A JUNIOR FEMALE	-	
MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE BY A JUNIOR MALE	-	
MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE YELLOWFIN BY A JUNIOR	-	
HEAVIEST GAMEFISH OR SHARK	QUINN SCOTT	Southern Bluefin Tuna 124Kg 8,841.2 points
MOST MERITORIOUS CAPTURE OUTSIDE DESIGNATED WATERS	SHARON OATES	Yellowtail Kingfish 18.1Kg
HEAVIEST CAPTURE OUTSIDE DESIGNATED WATERS	SHARON OATES	Yellowtail Kingfish 18.1Kg
PADDLE AWARD	ARTHUR MIHAILIDIS	

ANNUAL TROPHY WINNERS 2013-2014 –CONT'D

HEAVIEST BILLFISH ON:	4kg	NOT WON	
	6kg	NOT WON	
	8kg	NOT WON	
	10kg	NOT WON	
	15kg	NOT WON	
	24kg	NOT WON	
	37kg	NOT WON	
	60kg	NOT WON	
HEAVIEST GAMEFISH ON:	4kg	ANTON VOGIATZIS	Southern Bluefin Tuna 11.6kg
	6kg	SHARON OATES	Yellowtail Kingfish 18.1kg
	8kg	NOT WON	
	10kg	NOT WON	
	15kg	NOT WON	
	24kg	QUINN SCOTT	Southern Bluefin Tuna 124kg
	37kg	NOT WON	
	60kg	NOT WON	
HEAVIEST SHARK ON:	4kg	NOT WON	
	6kg	NOT WON	
	8kg	NOT WON	
	10kg	NOT WON	
	15kg	NOT WON	
	24kg	NOT WON	
	37kg	NOT WON	
	60kg	NOT WON	

BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013-2014

Boat Championship #5	25-27 January 2014	Champion Angler - T&R	Mathew Sandy
		Champion Angler - Capture	
		Champion Boat – T&R	The Joker
		Champion Boat – Capture	
Boat Championship #6	15-16 February 2014	Champion Angler - T&R	Kyle Milligan
		Champion Angler - Capture	
		Champion Boat – T&R	Strait Out
		Champion Boat – Capture	
Boat Championship #7	25-27 January 2014	Champion Angler - T&R	Craig Schenk
		Champion Angler - Capture	
		Champion Boat – T&R	Hot Pusuit
		Champion Boat – Capture	
Boat Championship #11	17-19 May 2014	Champion Angler - T&R	Cooper Mills
		Champion Angler - Capture	
		Champion Boat – T&R	Strait Out
		Champion Boat – Capture	
Boat Championship #12	7-9 June 2014	Champion Angler - T&R	Marcus Scott
		Champion Angler - Capture	Anton Vogiatzis
		Champion Boat – T&R	Taureos
		Champion Boat – Capture	Taureos

TREASURER'S REPORT

NICOLE SANDY

As in previous years, a lot of hard work has gone toward keeping the club in a positive financial position. Social events have continued to run at "break-even" or making a small profit which is most beneficial to the bottom line. An extra special thanks to Wendy and everyone who helped to co-ordinate the club functions, I personally know how much time and effort goes in to the running these events.

The Rhyll tournament made a nice profit this year, with some income continuing to come in throughout the New Year. A special thanks to the tournament committee, everyone that helped with the day to day running of the tournament and to all members

who continue show the VGFC and the Rhyll Tournament their support.

Congratulations to all members who found the time to go fishing, catch or tag a nice fish and to all of those fortunate enough to receive a trophy at the Annual Presentation dinner.

Thanks to all of the committee members that I have had the pleasure to work along-side this year and to all of the VGFC members that have shown their support to our great club.

After 4 years of organising club functions (on and off the committee) and 2 years in the treasurers' position, I have decided to step down from the committee. Unfortunately, I have been faced with an increased

work commitment and a very demanding family life, thus leaving very little time for me to make it to meetings and be the best treasurer that I can be.

I would like to give special thanks to Alex for taking over from me when I was forced to resign from my position on committee. It is never easy to walk away from a commitment but I knew the club accounts would be in safe hands.

I look forward to remaining an active member of the club and may find myself back on the committee in the future.....

Regards, Nicole