

THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.

Minutes of the Fifteenth Bi-Ennial Conference held at the Royal Automobile Club of Australia Sydney on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th November, 1971.

PRESENT: Dr. H. J. Delchery President of G.F.A.A. & Chairman
 Mr. W. Coombs Vice President
 Mr. T. Caughlan Executive Officer
 Mr. R. Gibson Hon. Secretary
 Mr. Max Lawson (Life Member)

N.S.W. Mr. R. Oliver, Mr. P. Goadby, Mr. J. McIntyre, Mr. J. O'Brien
 Queensland Mr. P. Gay, Mr. J. Izatt, Mrs. D. Neilson, Mr. M. Leahy
 S.A. Mr. J. Johnson
 Vic. Mr. J. Taylor (Life Member), Mr. I. Cuttler
 Tas. Mr. W. Lush, Mr. J. Jacob
 W.A. Proxy Delegate Mr. E. Palmer (Life Member)
 N.T. Mr. G. Redmond

The President welcomed the delegates to the conference saying that it was the most representative conference he had attended, all States being represented and assured that it was very gratifying to the executive to see so many travel so far to discuss our mutual interest in Game Fishing. He sincerely hoped the meeting would produce constructive help to our sport, and declared the meeting opened.

(1) APOLOGIES

Mr. Tom Bell, Mr. Clive Firth. West Australian executive who were represented by Mr. E. Palmer.

(2) PRESIDENTS REPORT

The President read his report outlining the activities of the Association and affiliated Clubs over the past two years and then moved that the report be accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Goadby who in doing so congratulated the President on his comprehensive report. - carried -

Further to the President's Report, Mr. Palmer advised that Black Marlin had been discovered close to the shore off the N.W. Cape (West Aust.) and that Dr. Carl Georges caught a 370 lb. Black in the area in the last two months.

(3) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FOURTEENTH BI-ENNIAL CONFERENCE

It was moved by Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. Taylor that the Minutes, as circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

(4) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item (6d) That a paid Secretariat be established to handle all matters of administration and to maintain records of G.F.A.A.

The chairman advised that the arrangements suggested to take place with Mr. Basil Davidson did not eventuate, but a more recent discussion with Mr. Roger Hungerford (who was the gentleman who compiled and arranged the publication of the 1971 Year Book) did conclude with an offer for approx. \$200.00 per year he would be prepared to act as the paid secretariat for a trial period of two years, all out of pocket expenses such as typing, postage stationery etc. to be additional charge to G.F.A.A.

The chairman advised that Mr. Hungerford had been the Editor of Anglers Digest for many years and keenly interested in fishing and had spent many years in executive positions of fishing associations. The matter was deferred to be dealt with under Item (6b).

Item (8e) That G.F.A.A. consider changing the design of Button Awards to a curved fish.

The chairman advised that three sample buttons were manufactured to illustrate Marlin, Tuna and Sharks and it was the opinion of the executive that the difficulty in such manufacture especially that of a curved shark did not comply with the past standard of Button Awards.

Item (8b) That the incoming Executive examine the matter of Gold Button Awards for Black Marlin.

This matter was deferred to be discussed under General Business Item (8i).

(5) FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Secretary presented the Financial Statement for the period November 1st 1969 to October 31st 1971 together with a summary of the Assets as at October 31st 1971 and moved that they be adopted; however a typographical error was noted under "Income" the amount shown for N.S.W. was shown as 1082.50 and should read \$1182.50 this was corrected to the satisfaction of all.

It was then moved by Mr. Cuttler and seconded by Mr. Oliver that the Financial Statement be accepted. - carried -

(6) ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION

New South Wales Game Fishing Association

(a) That all voting, including matters of Constitution, Fishing Rules, or all other business, be as outlined in Rule 21a of the G.F.A.A. Constitution, viz: "Each Delegate representing a State Branch shall have one (1) vote. If a State Branch is represented by only one Delegate, or by a Life Member acting as a Proxy, he shall be entitled to the number of votes to which his State Branch is entitled".

Moved by Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. Oliver.

The chairman advised the meeting that a delegate from the Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia at the previous conference in 1969 raised the point that members in the constitution related to States and not delegates attending and that voting on constitutional matters should be on this basis which was adhered to at that conference, however, the subject is again raised that constitutional matters should be voted on the basis of the number of delegates entitled to attend from each State having one vote per delegate.

The motion was discussed at length by most delegates.

Mr. Palmer moved an amendment to his motion which was seconded by Mr. Oliver.

The amendment was to delete the word member from Item 22 of the Constitution to read as follows:

This Constitution may be added to repealed or amended by Resolution at an Ordinary General Meeting or a Special General Meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless it be carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the voting powers of the delegates thereon and provided that notice of any proposed alteration at such meeting shall be given to the Secretary at least two months before such Meeting.

The amendment was put and - carried -

Swordfish & Tunny Club of Australia

(b) "That a paid secretariat be established to handle all matters of administration and to maintain records for G.F.A.A."

Moved by Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr. Jacob.

Mr. Taylor spoke for the motion as did Mr. Jacob who requested through the chairman the thoughts from the secretary if certain basic secretarial work such as the processing of Australian Records, recording and advising Clubs of amendments, processing requests for Button Awards etc.

could be undertaken by a permanent secretary not necessarily in the same state as the President and Executive Officer .

This was affirmed by the secretary.

The motion was put to the vote and - carried -

It was moved by Mr. Jacob and seconded by Mr. Redmond that a ceiling of 50¢ for any additional affiliation fees to offset the paid secretary be placed on affiliated Clubs for 1972 and 1973.

The motion was - carried -

Game Fishing Club of S.A. Inc.

(c) That Article 11(a) be amended to read "The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, a Vice President, two Executive Officers and Secretary, with the President, one Executive Officer and Secretary to be elected from one State branch, the Vice President and the other Executive Officer from two other States.

The motion was moved by Mr. Coombs seconded by Mr. Palmer.

Mr. Coombs spoke for the motion and after discussion an amendment was moved by Mr. Palmer seconded Mr. Johnson that the Executive comprise President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Executive Officer and Secretary. The President, Executive Officer and Secretary from one State.

The amendment was voted on and - lost -

The motion was then voted and also - lost -

Item (6d) was withdrawn by N.S.W. as the matter had been dealt with under Item (6c)

The Executive of G.F.A.A.

(e) That in the event of the Governor General granting his patronage to G.F.A.A., that G.F.A.A. accepts this honour.

Dr. Delohery spoke on the motion and it was formally moved by the Swordfish & Tunny Club delegates That should the Governor General grant his patronage to G.F.A.A. then G.F.A.A. would accept this honour. Queensland delegates seconded this motion which was - carried -

(7) ALTERATIONS TO FISHING RULES

Queensland Game Fishing Association

(d) That in respect of line testing the lowest break in the line be accepted instead of the mean test.

Queensland delegates requested that the above notice of motion be discussed in conjunction with Item 8(d).

Queensland Game Fishing Association

(b) That an additional Rule 23(h) be added - "Backing or driving a boat towards a fish with the exception of keeping the angler within the limits of the length of his line shall be prohibited".

The motion was moved by Mr. Gay seconded Mr. Leahy.

The motion was spoken on by Queensland delegates and photographic evidence of mutilated fish was presented to the meeting by Mrs. Neilson and the matter was discussed at length but the motion was withdrawn by Queensland delegates in favour of the amended motion by Mr. Goadby which was seconded by Mr. Izatt as follows: That a letter be sent from G.F.A.A. to I.G.F.A. on the advisability of shortening the gaff ropes.

The amendment was - carried -

New South Wales Game Fishing Association

(c) That Rule 27(e) be amended to include the mandatory submission of a photograph with each Australian Record capture.

The motion was moved by Mr. Goadby seconded Mr. Palmer - carried -

(8) GENERAL BUSINESS

Queensland Game Fishing Association

(a) *That application be made to I.G.F.A. for the recognition of indigenous species of game fish and if granted that the Australian indigenous species be as set out on the Australian Record Chart published by G.F.A.A.*

The motion was moved by Mr. Leahy seconded Mr. Gay.

It was resolved that State branches submit to the next conference a full list and relative evidence of each species to support their possible inclusion.

(b) *That the design of G.F.A.A. buttons be a replica of the fish the button represents without other adornment.*

Queensland delegates requested that this motion be included with Item 8(i).

(c) *That scales be tested every six months and that a copy of the certificate as to the testing be forwarded to the State Branch.*

Moved Mr. Palmer seconded Mr. Coombs that G.F.A.A. accept the I.G.F.A. rule in total re scale tests in substitution of G.F.A.A. rule 24 a, b, c - carried -

(d) *That line tests carried out for G.F.A.A. be in conformity with world standards.*

Moved Mr. Gay seconded Mr. Leahy.

Mr. Leahy presented to the meeting a comprehensive screed on various line tests conducted by four independent authorities and advised costs of same.

Mr. Cuttler congratulated Queensland delegates on the presentation of their report and it was resolved that in conjunction with their motion that G.F.A.A. adopt S.A.A. standard L54 code re line testing excepting that the number of tests shall be a minimum of three and a maximum of five.

The motion was - carried -

It was moved by Mr. McIntyre seconded Mr. Goadby that the executive of G.F.A.A. advise I.G.F.A. of our action relative to line tests with the view of standardisation. - carried -

(e) *That moves be made to have I.G.F.A. delete from the World Record Chart of Game Fish those species that are in fact not true game fish.*

Moved by Mr. Leahy seconded by Mr. Izatt.

Queensland delegates spoke for the motion and all delegates were agreeable that such moves be made by the executive of G.F.A.A.

The motion was - carried -

Game Fishing Club of S.A. Inc.

(f) *The G.F.A.A. recommend to I.G.F.A. that they introduce a new Six (6) lb. line class and that this be included in the World Record Chart.*

Moved by Mr. Coombs seconded Mr. Goadby.

Mr. Coombs spoke for the motion. Mr. Palmer advised the meeting of the support from W.A.

The motion was - carried -

The chairman then read correspondence between G.F.A.A. and I.G.F.A. which concluded in that at this moment I.G.F.A. did not propose to include 6 lb. line class in World Records.

New South Wales Game Fishing Association

(g) That G.F.A.A. actively pursue with I.G.F.A. the inclusion of the 6 lb. class tackle in the World Record classifications.

The notice of motion was withdrawn by N.S.W. as the matter had been discussed under Item 8 (f).

(h) That applications for future Australian Records be at least equal to the G.F.A.A. Bronze Button standard and that existing records below the above standard be deleted from the next printing of the Record Chart. (It is not intended to withdraw the present Records held by anglers).

Moved by Mr. McIntyre seconded Mr. Goadby.

Mr. McIntyre spoke for the motion after discussion an amendment was moved by Mr. Redmond seconded Mr. Palmer. That application for future Australian Records must be at least equal to the breaking strain of the line class used and that existing records below the above standard be deleted from the next printing of the Record Chart (it is not intended to withdraw the present records certificates held by anglers).

(i) That the G.F.A.A. Award Button design be amended to delete the laurel wreath and that the initials "G.F.A.A." be engraved on the fish. Also that the Merit Button be re-instated with the design as above together with a ruby eye. Such Merit Buttons be awarded to anglers capturing fish at least eight (8) times the breaking strain of the line.

The motion was separated into two sections:- Button Design and Button Awards. Moved Mr. Oliver seconded Mr. Leahy That the Button Design revert to the previous design with the safety pin style clip.
- carried -

Moved Mr. Oliver seconded Mr. Palmer That the Gold Button Award remain as at present and a Ruby eye merit button be awarded for captures of twice that for Gold Button awards.
- carried -

Mr. Cuttler then advised the meeting that The Swordfish & Tunny Club now consider their request at the 1969 Conference re Gold Button awards now redundant.

(j) That G.F.A.A. re-define the rule for prescribed tackle, particularly the permissible length for rod butts. This Association is concerned with the appearance in this country of extendable butts and those with the adjustable bend above the reel. We enclose herewith a sketch of the two conditions noted above.

Moved by Mr. Goadby seconded Mr. McIntyre.

The chairman read a letter which had been received from I.G.F.A. which advised that the design of the rod in question was acceptable for World Record claims, providing the butt was not extended beyond 27". The matter was then discussed and an amendment was moved by Mr. Palmer which was seconded by Mr. Jacob That in place of our current Rule 4 substitute Rods must be in accordance with sporting ethics and customs. Tubular metal and glass rods are permitted. Considerable latitude is allowed, but rods giving the angler an unsporting advantage will be disqualified. The rule is intended to eliminate the use of freak rods and to act as means of protection to anglers. The minimum length of the Rod tip is 50" and the maximum length of the rod butt is 27". The rod butt may be curved or straight and shall be measured in a straight line directly below the centre of the reel to the end of the butt. The use of extendable rod butts beyond 27" or adjustable rod tips will not be permitted. The amendment was - carried -

(k) That G.F.A.A. consider the possibility of every Game Fishing Club affiliating direct with I.G.F.A. to increase the representative voting strength of Australia in matters of vital concern to the

to the sport. In explanation, we would advise that this proposal is in no way intended to render the functions of the G.F.A.A. redundant, but rather it is based on trying to achieve a greater voice for this country in the determinations of I.G.F.A.

Moved Mr. O'Brien seconded Mr. Oliver. An amendment was moved by Mr. Palmer seconded Mr. McIntyre That G.F.A.A. make representation to I.G.F.A. to endeavour to obtain votes for all affiliates and also to clarify the question of correspondence, circulation, list of addresses etc., to ensure proper communications are established - carried -

(l) That G.F.A.A. consider widening the scope of "game fish" to include other species not on the present charts. We suggest that a number of worthwhile fish from New Guinea and Australia could be included particularly the *Barramundi*. We also suggest that the Australian Record Charts be amended to include in brackets the I.G.F.A. names so as to make the G.F.A.A. included fish easily identifiable with the I.G.F.A. listed fish.

Moved Mr. McIntyre seconded Mr. Goadby.

Mr. Goadby spoke for the motion and it was resolved that each State branch be invited to submit to the next conference a full list and relative evidence of each species to support their possible inclusion.

It was further resolved that International names (not scientific names) be included with local names on the Australian Record Chart where applicable.

(m) That the Executive ensure that regular dissemination of news and record changes continue as at present to the news media. The idea behind this submission is to ensure continuing interest in the sport.

Moved Mr. Goadby seconded Mr. Lush and discussed, the motion was - carried -

(n) That G.F.A.A. discuss the new I.G.F.A. rules including those amended to allow the use of gang hooks for cast lures.

Moved Mr. Goadby seconded Mr. McIntyre.

The matter was discussed and confirmed that this method of fishing be deplored by G.F.A.A.

(o) That G.F.A.A. continue its active support for further Inter-state Competitions in various states.

Moved Mr. Goadby seconded Mr. Jacob.

It was agreed that G.F.A.A. support will be given to such Inter-state Competitions.

(p) That G.F.A.A. lay down a procedure for the awarding of representative colours for anglers selected to compete in overseas game fishing competitions. We suggest that the requirements for anglers wishing to represent Australia be written approval by the following, in order:

- i The angler's Club
- ii The State Association
- iii The Game Fishing Association of Australia

Moved by Mr. McIntyre seconded Mr. Goadby.

Mr. McIntyre spoke for the motion . Mr. Palmer advised that G.F.A.A. already had an approved jacket, being blue having a crest of a Emu and Kangaroo with the words Game Fishing Association of Australia in gold on the pocket. It was resolved that the matter be left for the incoming Executive to advise a procedure to all affiliated Clubs. -carried-

(q) That a more precise definition of "fighting of fish" be considered relative to Rule 18 of the G.F.A.A. Angling Rules.

Notice was withdrawn by N.S.W. as the matter had been discussed with Item 7(b).

Mr. Cuttler spoke on the cost to file World and Australian Records Claims and moved a motion that was seconded by Mr. Oliver.

That a fee of \$5.00 for Australian Record Claims and \$10.00 for World Record Claims be imposed on the angler to take effect from 1st January 1972 -carried -

The matter of mutilated fish was discussed and it was considered that the G.F.A.A. Rule 23F adequately covers the mutilation of fish, however, a motion was moved by Mr. Oliver seconded Mr. Gay That in the event of weighing and recording of mutilated fish for Australian Records or Awards the Angler must provide a photograph at least 6" x 8" showing the extent of mutilation which must be submitted to G.F.A.A. with a recommendation from the Club involved - carried -

It was moved by Mr. Oliver seconded Mr. Palmer That G.F.A.A. send a letter to Cairns Club stating that the Association deplore the weighing, recording and displaying of excessively mutilated fish -carried -

The Executive of G.F.A.A.

(r) Notice is given to this conference that the removal of the Grey Nurse Shark and Blue Shark from the Australian Record Chart be discussed as per minutes of previous conference in 1969.

Withdrawn by N.S.W.

(s) That the question of substantial prize money for the capture of Australian and World Record fish be discussed in relation to G.F.A.A.

The matter was discussed at length and it was moved by Mr. Oliver seconded Mr. Palmer.

That any Company or Body offering cash prizes for capture of Game Fish in Australian waters be requested to withdraw such offers beyond any present commitment - carried -

Mr. Coombs advised the meeting of facts relative to metric conversion and it was resolved that the incoming Executive will administer such conversion .

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR NEXT G.F.A.A. CONFERENCE

It was moved by Mr. O'Brien seconded Mr. Gay.

That it be considered that future G.F.A.A. conferences be held annually instead of bi-ennially.

It was also suggested by Mr. O'Brien that a member of the I.G.F.A. Executive be invited to attend the next conference.

Mr. Lush extended an invitation to hold the next G.F.A.A. conference in Northern Tasmania.

Queensland delegates advised the difficulty they were experiencing in requests by Island Resorts to become affiliated Game Fishing Clubs. The chairman advised that it becomes a State matter and that a series of guide lines should be established in order to attain a high standard for such clubs who should have a reasonable percentage of permanent members and that Q.G.F.A. should have no hesitation to refuse affiliation unless they can furnish their ability to abide to the rules of G.F.A.A.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Nominations were called for the position of President.

Mr. Caughlan was nominated by Mr. O'Brien and seconded Mr. McIntyre.

Mr. Coombs was nominated by Mr. Johnson and seconded Mr. Palmer.

Voting was conducted and it was announced that Mr. Caughlan was elected as President for the coming period.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Nominations for the position of Vice President were called for. Mr. Coombs nominated by Mr. Johnson seconded Mr. Palmer.

There being no further nominations Mr. Coombs was declared Vice President.

Nominations for the position of Executive Officer were called for. Mr. Oliver nominated by Mr. Caughlan seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

There being no further nominations Mr. Oliver was declared the Executive Officer.

The President Elect Mr. Caughlan invited Mr. John McIntyre to take the position of Secretary which was accepted.

CLOSING OF CONFERENCE

Mr. John Taylor was supported by Mr. Ern Palmer in expressing a vote of thanks on behalf of delegates and Clubs to Dr. Jim Delohery (President) and Mr. Bob Gibson (Secretary) for their work over the past four years and their contribution to the sport of Game Fishing.

Further congratulations were received from the Queensland delegates as were received from all other States.

Mr. Ian Cuttler moved that these expressions of thanks be recorded in the minutes and his remarks were supported with acclamation.

Dr. Jim Delohery thanked the delegates for their kind remarks and expressed his pleasure in being President of the Association over the past four years and in closing the meeting thanked the delegates for their attendance.

The conference closed at 4.00 p.m.

THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1970-1971

Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I can report to you that your executive members have seen a most favourable game fishing period in the last two years. Many new Clubs have been formed because of the progressive enthusiasm of the sport.

MEMBERSHIP

There has been a decided increase in the number of affiliated anglers showing a growth by 360 to 2,860 anglers throughout Australia and New Guinea.

TASMANIA

The Blue Fin Tuna Contest was held in May of 1970. This Contest was well attended and there were representatives from Queensland, N.S.W. and South Australia. The Contest was won by Toby Lyall's crew aboard "Ben Hur". There was an abundance of Blue Fin Tuna which were sold to aid a Charitable Organisation.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

This Association has about the same number of members and some very good light tackle fishing has been experienced, with five members currently holding Australian Records. George Redmond caught a Marlin in the All Australia Contest and also has given a number of years of most able administrative leadership to his members. South Australia sent a team to Darwin which was the first Inter-State Game Fishing Contest held in the Northern Territory. This Contest was particularly enjoyable and the light tackle fishing was most successful.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

We have seen Western Australia form a new Club, the King Bay Angling and Game Fishing Club. The membership has grown to 300 members. The Anglers appear to have discovered Striped Marlin, Wahoo Dolphin and Yellow Fin Tuna in the Rottnest Canyon area which is within easy travelling distance from Fremantle.

QUEENSLAND

The membership in Queensland has remained stationary at about 500 members. A new Club, the Madang Club, was formed and the members of this Club have enjoyed the sport in catching Sail Fish and Marlin on light tackle.

Cairns Club again showed the potential of the area. Six Black Marlin over 1000 pounds were weighed in the 1970 season. Sir William Stevenson caught the heaviest Game Fish with an Australian Record $1231\frac{1}{2}$ lbs on 130 lb tackle. This fish took out the Tom Bell Trophy for the largest game fish taken in Australia. Many other records were taken including Bill Wilkes World Record of $1077\frac{1}{2}$ lbs on 80 lb line class. Mrs. Colleen Seay caught two large Marlin in one day, one a World Record of $1028\frac{1}{2}$ lbs on 80 lb tackle, the first Marlin of over 1000 lbs by a woman angler in Australia. Apart from the many large Marlin caught and released, there were many outstanding captures on light tackle including Bob Oliver's 342 lb Black Marlin on 20 lb tackle and his $72\frac{1}{2}$ lb Black Marlin on 6 lb line.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The membership has grown with the Port Lincoln Sub-Branch of the Game Fishing Club of South Australia Inc. which now brings the membership to approximately 160 members. The light tackle fishing was somewhat disappointing but however a few big white sharks were taken, the largest being 1540 lbs taken by Des Schumann. A point score competition has been introduced in South Australia.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The usual point score competitions for the various Clubs were enthusiastically fished. Marlin were plentiful and about 250 light tackle Marlin were weighed.

A new Club, the Shoalhaven Game Club, was formed with the intention of fishing the Sir Joseph Young Banks which are renowned as prolific grounds for Marlin and Tuna for many years by professionals.

The membership of N.S.W. Game Clubs now total 1550 members.

The N.S.W. Inter-Club Competition was held both years, in 1970 eighty boats and in 1971 one hundred and one game boats participated. The Broken Bay Club managed to win the contest each year.

ALL AUSTRALIA CONTEST

The Fifth All Australia Contest was held out of Sydney in January 1971. Fortyeight teams took part in the Contest. Teams came from Western Australia, Northern Territory, Victoria, Tasmania, Port Moresby and Queensland.

The Champion Boat was "KAKANA" skippered by Neil Sutton, a Sydney Club member. The Contest was followed by a pleasant Trophy Presentation at the Round House, University of N.S.W.

GENERAL

In the last two years there were 142 applications for Australian Records, 41 of which failed because of excessive breaking strain at test. There were 107 Australian Records granted, 38 of these were to women anglers.

In regard to World Records 13 were granted to Australia, of these, 4 were taken by women anglers.

The best game fishing feat in this period, in my view, was John Barclay's 854 lb Mako Shark on 30 lb. tackle which was well above the previous World Record in weight.

A detailed submission was made to I.G.F.A. in relation to the Hammerhead Shark, the Dog Tooth Tuna and the Turrum. The results of the submission, at present, have not been received.

During the period of office it was felt that G.F.A.A. should have a badge or insignia. After much experimentation and opinions from the Executive and with the help of a commercial artist, the badge, as illustrated, came into being. Consequent upon this badge the idea was formed to have the design used as a basis for gold miniature badges for life members. These were made and appeared to be appreciated by the life members and in saying this I particularly emphasise the excitement of Clive Firth, Max Lawson and Tom Bell when they received their badges.

An approach was made to the Minister for Primary Industry, who is also the Minister for Fisheries, that some effort be made by the Government, possibly in the League of Nations, to institute some type of international control of the harvest of fish being reaped by long line boats.

As a result of correspondence in this regard I have pleasure in saying that in the absence of Mr. Ian Sinclair abroad, Mr. King, his Assistant Minister will be our official guest at dinner tonight.

I might conclude by saying that it has been a great honour and it has given me great satisfaction to have acted in harmony as your President for the last four years. Bill Coombs and Terrence Caughlan have been at hand at all times and as has been his custom, Bob Gibson has been a calm, collect and tireless worker in keeping all the secretarial work in order over the last four years and I wish to show my appreciation of his spirit and advice over this period.

James Delohery
President

THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

RECORD OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1, 1969 TO OCTOBER 31, 1971

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
<u>From Sale of Buttons</u>	Cost of Buttons and
N.S.W. \$1082.50	Life Member Badges \$1628.00
Victoria 58.00	Cost of Testing Lines 601.50
Tasmania 98.00	Expenses of 5th All Australia
South Aust. 88.50	Competition 1787.32
Northern Terr. 59.50	Cost of Postage & Stationery 394.96
\$1486.50	Expenses of 14th Bi-Ennial
<u>From Sale of Rule Books</u>	Conference 410.67
Tasmania 15.75	Insurance 33.10
South Aust. 7.50	Engraving & Freight of Trophy 24.25
Western Aust. 10.50	Cost of Books & Record
Queensland 22.50	Charts 133.00
Northern Terr. 6.00	Floral Tributes 24.31
62.25	Bank Fees 13.40
<u>From Sale of Ties</u>	Year Book 1970 835.50
N.S.W. 96.00	Audit - 1969 20.00
96.00	\$5906.01
<u>From Affiliation Fees</u>	Cash at Bank 31.10.71 1089.44
N.S.W. 1222.55	
Victoria 65.45	
Tasmania 228.55	
South Aust. 157.85	
Western Aust. 359.60	
Queensland 308.50	
Northern Terr. 39.75	
2442.25	
<u>From Miscellaneous Sales</u>	
1339.35	
<u>From 5th All Australia</u>	
Competition 2244.00	
<u>Bank Interest</u>	
10.01	
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	
\$7680.36	
Cash in Bank 31.10.69 615.99	
\$8296.35	
DD: Debtors Outstanding 244.00	
at 31.10.69 collected \$8540.35	
\$6995.45	
ESS: Debtors Outstanding 1544.90	
at 31.10.71 \$6995.45	
\$6995.45	

R.C. GIBSON
Hon. Secretary.

THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

ASSETS AS AT OCTOBER 31, 1971

Stocks of:		\$
1 Gold Button	@ \$7.00 ea.	7.00
2 Silver Buttons	@ \$4.50 ea.	9.00
71 Ties	@ \$1.50 ea.	106.50
One Seal		-
One Filing Cabinet		10.00
One Duplicator - at Valuation		40.00
		<u>\$172.50</u>
Cash at Bank		1089.44
Outstanding Debtors		1544.90
		<u>\$2806.84</u>

LESS: LIABILITIES

<u>Year Book 1971</u>		<u>\$1287.00</u>
<u>Accumulated Funds of Association</u>		<u>\$1519.84</u>
<u>Summary of Outstanding Debtors</u>		
<u>New South Wales G.F.A.</u>		
Inv. No. 41	\$46.50	
42	157.50	
43	250.50	
47	106.00	
48	57.50	
49	29.00	
51	48.00	
52	48.00	
53	11.50	
		754.50
<u>Northern Territory G.F.A.</u>		
39	15.00	
		15.00
<u>Western Australia G.F.A.</u>		
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