

TIDE-LINE'S

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Newsletter 1

Welcome to the first edition of "Tide-lines", the official Newsletter of the NZACA. The Editors (Mike Stempa and Jim O'Brien) hope to produce a publication that will become a vital point of contact between members, their clubs and our national body, the NZACA.

The Editor's believe the NZACA membership has a huge amount to offer in terms of sharing fishing information and the promotion of our sport amongst our NZACA affiliates. To this end, and with your help, we will publish as many aspects of fishing news and events from the sixty odd clubs that make up our membership. Copy will include, fishing tips, club and member profiles, 'Nationals' updates, casting news, rigs and baits, to name just a few. Records, pin weights and national trophy information will also feature.

How far we are able to progress will depend a lot on the feedback and willingness of the clubs and individuals we approach for information. For this issue, the people approached have been brilliant. At the time of writing, Brian Palmer, Bruce Basher, Bill Cronin Sam Benjamin and Charlie Ray were asked to produce copy and their ready acceptance augurs well for this, and future issues.

But we are based in Wellington, so we need you the reader to send us photos, tips, how to articles, or any other material that you consider may be of interest to the rest of your fellow members.

E-mail them to mikestempa@paradise.net.nz or post them to, Tide-lines, 164 Owhiro Bay Parade, Owhiro Bay, Wellington.

NZACA NEW'S.

We are fast approaching a Special General Meeting (July 31st 2004 at 9.00am Rotorua) for the election of a Junior Vice President. We have two nominations, Valda Cahill and Lance Pulman, both more than qualified for the job. Make sure your club has its say, as one of these two will quite possibly become the President of the NZACA one day.

The last executive meeting was held in Auckland with plenty of interesting debate about where we the NZACA are heading. One most interesting fact that came out of the meeting was that the Whakatane Nationals had the largest number of competitors then any other Nationals held in the last ten years and that the casting had double the normal competitors.

I reckon that's pretty good news and after listening to what Bethells and TeAtatu have in place already for the 2005 NZACA Nationals, they could be in for an even bigger event. (NZACA 2005 Nationals, Thursday March 3rd to Sunday March 6th).

Taken from the 1988 National Fishing Championships Booklet this is included as a reminder of what the Nationals is about.

- *The Nationals are, of course, much more than just the serious competitive fishing, important though this is. To many, attendance is a ritual whether its again to greet old friends, attend the AGM or take part in the out of competition events, you can be sure of a good time amongst good people.*

Part of the then NZACA Presidents message.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.

To all members of the N.Z.A.C.A.

My name is Richard John Lash commonly known as "Dick" I have the privilege and honour for the next two years to lead this Association as national president.

This newsletter is the first of what I hope will be many, and I congratulate Mike Stempa and Jim O'Brien on the job they have done thus far. But not all NZACA members have access to the Internet so I ask if you know someone who would like a copy please print one off for them.

This year we have a full and very positive working executive who can be approached by any club or club member who may have a question, or an idea/concept that could be of benefit to this Association. The Association has many varied functions/duty's to perform; some of these are under discussion by sub-committees looking for ways to improve our organization. I will endeavour to keep you all informed as much as possible.

As you will no doubt be aware the association had one or two procedural problems at the A.G.M. and at that time no Junior Vice President was elected, a special general meeting will be held in July to rectify this situation, and we have two candidates both of whom have excellent credentials to fill this position. I urge all clubs to think carefully before you decide as in four years the successful candidate could be the Association president.

My address and phone number are in the Members Manual and I will make myself available at any time and would only need overnight accommodation to visit your club to discuss any matters concerning the Association or your club.

I wish you all good fishing,

Dick Lash

NZACA PRESEDENT.

NATIONAL TROPHIES

Each edition we are going to explain the criteria required to claim a National Annual trophy, there are several, and each year they are awarded but only if someone claims them and to date this is not always happening.

One trophy the **N.Z FISHING NEWS TROPHY** is presented for the most meritorious kahawai this trophy was awarded this year to Janine Slater (Polyblank) for her 3.920kg Kahawai caught on 8.7kg line. Janine's Kahawai was one of only two sent in for consideration (two for a whole year from what was once one of our most common caught fish). Applications for this trophy close January 31st, (here's the tricky bit), and they start on the 1st of January each year.

The next trophy is the **KILWELL TROPHY** and this is presented for the heaviest trout caught trolling, harling or spinning. Some of you must go trout fishing using these methods, tell your secretary and send in an application.

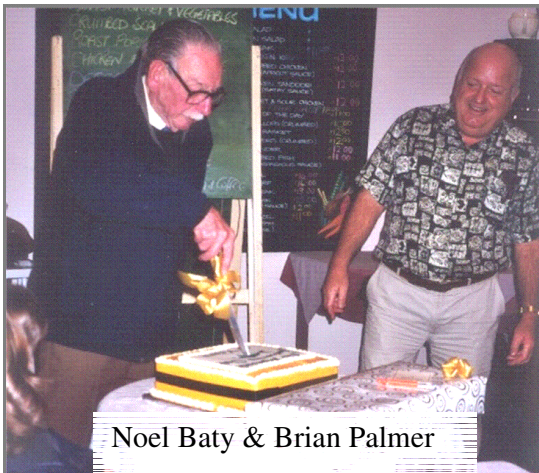
All these trophies are worth winning and to gain a pin is a great individual achievement. Remember all you have to do is inform your secretary of your catch and he in-turn will pass the information on to the NZACA.

FEATURED CLUB: NEW PLYMOUTH

NEW PLYMOUTH SURFCASTING - CLUB HISTORY By Noel Baty founding member

In 1952 a group of interested anglers gathered in the Checkers tearooms on Devon St New Plymouth to discuss the viability of forming a surfcasting Club for the Province, or for New Plymouth initially. The term "Surfcasting" was a new one because casting-reels were almost non-existent. They were owned, mainly by anglers who had either imported them themselves from Australia, where the sport was being strongly established, or who had friends coming into the country from abroad where modern tackle was being produced and marketed in this growing industry. In Britain, America and Australia where the Surfmaster and Alvey reels were developed and become the No 1 reel for our surfcasters at that time.

Spearheading the movement was Dann LeCren Morgan, a New Plymouth Accountant who although not an experienced fisherman himself was keenly interested in the idea of establishing what was to be the first Surfcasting Club in New Zealand. He was encouraged by local sports dealers, Hughson's Hardware and Cook & Lister Sports, who set up imports as soon as interest warranted it. Lists were started and set up on the sports shop counters. The recently deceased Ernie Hine of Hughson's and Ian Jamieson of Cook & Lister's encouraged anglers to sign up and the lists began filling.



Noel Baty & Brian Palmer

Dann approached the North Taranaki Rod and Gun Club with a view to them forming a saltwater section, but after some deliberation they declined the idea but offered to support the Surfcasting Club by urging its members to sign up. They were also helpful in making suggestions on the forming of a club, drawing up a constitution and other technical legal aspects. Subscriptions were set at five-shillings.

The list grew to over 200 names, though only a great minority actually participated in club events.

The founding committee comprised Dann Morgan President, Ted Horner secretary/treasurer, Ivan (Brownie) Murch, Brian Street, Tom Vango, Leo Perreaux, Bob Thompson, Noel Baty and Ken Gray.

The committee set about holding casting demonstrations and instruction sessions, first at the New Plymouth racecourse, and then at a number of schools around New Plymouth. Brian Street, using a Penn Squidder reel cast the length of a football field, becoming the first surfcaster to cast a measured 100 yards with a free spool.

Over the ensuing months the committee visited a number of rural townships and spoke to people who were interested in setting up a club. Harwera was the first place to show interest, and a provisional Committee was established to get their Club started. Stratford, Opunake and Manaia were visited, but these clubs didn't get off the ground. Stratford 'sort of' started up, but over the years, appeared to dissolve and re-form under the umbrella of the Stratford Club. Harwera had a few ups and downs before going into permanent recession but Opunake kept firing and is active with a strong committee and membership of very keen surfcasters and trout fishermen. Kaponga did not thrive and sank from view.

Our Club survived a threat when membership declined and the President wanted to close our doors. However the remaining committee, which by now had been reformed due to some members having served their two years decided to stay. An indoor exhibition in conjunction with a Recreation expo run by the YMCA gave us an opportunity to meet the public. A stall was set up and two of us who were not working at the time, manned it during the day and other committee members were rostered on for the evenings. Membership forms were on view and members brought their own gear for inspection. The sports shops

loaned a selection of freshwater and surfcasting tackle. Following the exposure to the public, membership jumped dramatically and though it has fluctuated slightly over the years it has always been healthy.

In 1962 the Club fielded four casters, Dann Morgan, Morrie O'Connor, Bob Thompson and Noel Baty to represent Taranaki in the New Zealand team for the World Surfcasting Championships in Rotorua. While our team equipped itself well, the South African and Australian teams, who were using rods and reels unheard of over here, swamped us.



Taranaki has always been a strong club for distance casting, due to the monthly casting competitions held at the Rod and Gun Club range at Bell Block. It has made a name for itself in the surf due to members who have scored well in major National Fishing Contests.

Not to forget the fact that the New Plymouth Club has four members who have won the prestigious Mustard Golden Hook award.

We could do more with more lady and junior members, but numbers are growing slowly and may they continue to grow. The present lady members are threatening to overshadow many of the men. What do they say? Girls can do anything!

In summary the New Plymouth Surfcasting Club continues to excel! They have hosted in 2002 the NZACA Nationals and delivered a professional and well-run event (Its just a shame the weather wasn't more appreciative of

their efforts). They have just celebrated their 50th year, another achievement they can be proud of. They have the only club (as far as we know) in New Zealand that has four members who have been awarded the Mustard Golden Hook, just another source of pride to them. The Club can also lay claim to an impressive list of New Zealand records to numerous to list here

They have just commenced their AGM. Their newly appointed committee will take them from the previous 50 years and lead them forwards towards their 100th year. This committee like all the others before them will have to continue the good work and dedication required so as the New Plymouth Surfcasting Club will continue with its fine list of achievements.



TIDE-LINES CONGRATULATES all past and present members who have made the New Plymouth Surfcasting Club the success it is today, and wish them all the best for the future.

The New Plymouth Surfcasting Club can be contacted through their Secretary:
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TOPICAL TIP.

From the Pania Surfcasting Club (per Gary Kemsley) comes this helpful tip. Ever find carrying around wire grip sinkers a pain. I certainly did. Never knowing when you were going to get spiked next as you gingerly reached into your pack. Or your bait cotton getting wrapped and tangled in the sinker wires. Well help is right at hand. Simply get a tube of cardboard (glad wrap inners are excellent) or PVC of around 40mm diameter. Slide your sinkers down the tube. A glad wrap tube will take five. When you need a sinker simply shake one out of the tube. At a pinch, you can also carry one around in a toilet roll inner. Come to think of it, make sure there's some paper on the roll for those emergencies (check this one out with George Maunder), and that's another tip.

VINTAGE EVENTS 1956.

These extracts were taken from the publication "The Angling Times"

- The Hewitt & Bale Ltd, Angling Display & Exhibition, was held on November 25th, at Auckland's Western Springs
- A full range of products including Southam, & Dam rods, Mitchell, Pfluger, Bronson, & Penn reels layson, Tortue & Damyl lines were on display
- The first heat of The Angling Times National Surfcasting Competition was held during this exhibition.
- The Forty Fathoms Fishing Club was formed in May this year in Auckland.
- Talks are under way about forming a national federation, covering all angling in New Zealand.
- A 24lb moki was caught in Wellington, by Mr. Keith Appleyard
- Two cottages have been booked for the (unofficial) New Zealand, contingent going to the Australian Angling Association's carnival, at Tea Garden, in New South Wales, next year
- The Ninety Mile Beach Rod and Line Club, is holding a monster field day on January 5th, 1957, and a first prize valued at 35 pounds is offered.

Our Historian Sam Benjamin has compiled these little gems. Any comments and Sammy can be contacted at 11 Windermere Cres, Blockhouse Bay, Auckland.

NZACA PIN WEIGHTS.

Pin Fish are a fish, which meet a certain weight criteria. If you catch a fish from one of these species listed below and the fish is over the required weight then you can apply for a pin through your secretary. The pins are issued by the NZACA although they do charge a small fee of \$10.00 Believe me they are well worth it and will remind you of your good catch.

<i>Snapper</i>	<i>13.020 kg</i>	<i>Moki</i>	<i>5.89 kg</i>
<i>Hapuka</i>	<i>22 kg</i>	<i>Kingfish</i>	<i>22.9 kg</i>
<i>Trevally</i>	<i>4.06 kg</i>	<i>Kahawai</i>	<i>3.92 kg</i>
<i>Salmon</i>	<i>6.0 kg (Quinnat)</i>		

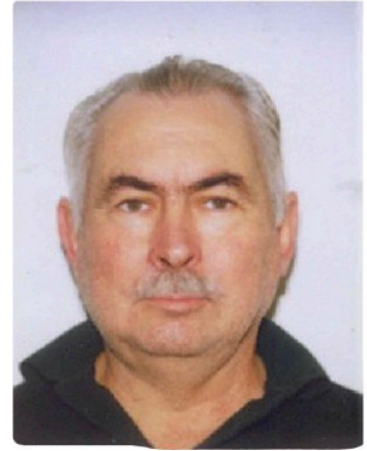
(Association pins are awarded to the first angler to exceed the qualifying weight commencing 1 January each year. Thereafter pins are awarded for fish exceeding the current species pin weight. Fish may be caught from the shore or the boat.)

Now don't think these are the only pins available because they are not the NZACA also recognises the skills of anglers who manage to catch a fish five times the weight of their line and ten times the weight of their line. Accordingly any angler who achieves this will receive an association pin either a five to one pin or a ten to one pin.

Last is a Merit certificate, this is issued for a fish, which weighs more then 2.5 times the breaking strain of the line.

NZACA MEMBER PROFILE.

BILL CRONIN
(Immediate NZACA Past President)



Nickname: *The “The Old Fart” by teenage sons and Ozzie nieces*

D.O.B: *15th January 1950*

Occupation: *Police Sergeant, Prosecutor, Have been an Enforcement Officer for 25 years*

Local club: *Kiwi Club*

Years involved with local club: *11 years*

Other fishing club involvement: *President of Gisborne Surfcaster for 4 years from 89-91. Also a member of the Cambridge Tavern Fishing Club.*

Favourite local fishing possie: *Out of Whakatane or Taraunga*

If you could fish anywhere in NZ where would this be and why: *East Cape and the East Coast of the North Island down to Napier. Fantastic scenery and great fishing.*

If you could fish anywhere in the world besides NZ where would this be and why: *Pacific Islands for Big Game Fishing*

Favourite food: *Smoked salt water fish or Hawaiian Steak*

Favourite movie: *Sea of Sand (Black and White war movie) and “How the West was Won”*

Favourite music: *Country or Irish*

Most embarrassing moment while fishing: *Running the boat aground in the Kaipara Harbour while fishing the NZACA Nationals and also crashing into another boat during a Police Fishing Tournament.*

What’s the most irritating thing that peeves you off while fishing? *People who persist in keeping undersized fish, Clowns in boats who don't give a damn about others, and surfers or jet-skiers when surfcasting.*

Just one last thought.

I got a fly rod and reel for my wife.

Best trade I ever made

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