

## **Chairmans Report**

Trust that all our members had a good Festive Season, Christmas and New Year. My compliments of the season to all our WP Anglers and to their families and may you have a prosperous 2011 year.

## **WPDSAA Teams**

2 Teams have been selected by our selector's one to fish the All Coastal at Kwelera in Border, which has taken place already. Congratulations to DP Burger (Cpt) OBC, Sidney Strydom GBBAC and Louis Bekker GBBAC. They have only fished one day and ended up in 6<sup>th</sup> place. The point differences between the teams were one fish. We trusts that DP and his team picked up some valuable experiences there which will equip them better next time.

Piet van Rensburg CBSC, Stuart Meiklejohn CBSC and myself have been selected to go to the ZDSAA Marlin Inter Provincials at Richards Bay from the 25<sup>th</sup> – the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011 which is an own boat tournament . Andre Strydom from ZDSAA will be skipping us on his boat Lady Rose.

## **Inshore Leagues**

We had the 1<sup>st</sup> Inshore League West and fish were caught by most of the anglers. This coming week end it is the start of the Inshore League South at Struisbaai. There is a lot of small yellowfin tuna and skipjacks around as well but they are of Sandkoppe and out of reach for the Inshore.

## **Tournament Rules and Regulations**

I see that there is a lot of correspondence doing the rounds on Measure and Release again. On that note the TO's did have their meeting and the rules were approved for this year. All the clubs had a chance to comment on the rules before the final TO's Meeting and the clubs voted in favour that WPDSAA scrap measure and release in its present form. There was a heated discussion at the next WPDSA EXCO meeting at ABC where the chairman of the clubs voted against it once again.

I requested at the WPDSA EXCO meeting that we re-look at the measure and release for 2012 and that the TO's and/or clubs come forth with new suggestions that will give all the clubs and anglers a happy medium.

At the WPDSAA EXCO Meeting held at WBSC the issue was raised again and it was laid to bed that the TO's Meeting of the rules stand.

I read what the members say in these correspondences that are doing the rounds at present. Guys if you want measure and release back come up with a proposal so that we can look at it for 2012 which satisfies all the clubs and anglers.

## **Two Oceans Marlin Tournament**

Congratulations to Suidpunt on a very successful tournament this year was their 5<sup>th</sup> tournament and it is growing.

Friday 1 marlin was released. Saturday 16 marlin were caught of which 3 drowned and 13 were released.

One sailfish of 50kg's were also caught and released on the Alpha Banks. Interesting was that most of the fish were caught on the Alpha Banks.

This is a tournament which will be growing in the future and we are looking forward to there 6<sup>th</sup> Two Oceans Marlin Tournament. I did not fish in the tournament but got a late invite to go up to Struisbaai for the week end and went to the club to have a few drinks with the anglers and met up with some old friends. Next year I will be there.

### **WPDSAA Prize Giving**

Dates must be decided on and a venue. I did attend GBBAC's prize giving and they had a dinner and dance which was great for the club and ladies with over 100 members attending. Maybe this is the way we should be looking at, but for the clubs to decide that at the WPDSAA EXCO Meeting.

### **WPDSAA AGM**

We need to decide on the dates for the next WPDSAA AGM so that Sally can have the books finalized and nominations are called for.

### **Recreational Fishing Meeting**

Fishery Management as they are now known (MCM) have scheduled a meeting next week Wednesday at 11h00 at their Offices in the Foreshore where we will be discussing concerns and issues on fishing affecting us as Recreational and Sport Anglers, Treknetters the crayfish season as we still did not receive any reply from the Minister of DAFF on our letters. SADSAA will be there as well and Gary and myself will be attending the meeting. I have forwarded the invite to our Resource Management Officer Budgie to attend as well.

### **SADSAA EXCO Meeting**

The SADSAA EXCO Meeting will be held this coming week end in Pretoria and I will be flying up there to attend the meeting.

EFSAA has shown their interest that they would like to come to Simons Town to fish a tournament here, at present they are also looking at Mexico. SADSAA TO Dick Pratt will be scheduling a meeting in March 2011 with WPDSAA to discuss same.

On the Tuna International I have had several meetings with Hymie Steyn SADSAA's PRO invites have been send out, but due to the fact that we do not have a major sponsor on board could affect the entry fees quite a bit and I will take it up with SADSAA at the Council Meeting.

### **WPDSAA EXCO Meeting FBMT**

A big word of thanks to FBMTC for being host of our EXCO meeting tonight. See you guys there.

Regards

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