



# Port Elizabeth Deep Sea Angling Club

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## **PEDSAC NEWSLETTER – May 2014**

### **Upgrading and Repairs.**

Due to the long postponement of the NSRI building upgrade, the PEDSAC Committee urgently undertook emergency repairs of the holes washed into the bottom of the slipway which caused smaller boat trailers getting stuck when trailering or launching their boats during low tide. We are awaiting the final response from the NSRI on when the alterations will commence which will ultimately include possible upgrades to the entire slipway area.

The PEDSAC committee took a bold step to proceed with the casting of the long awaited wash bay next to the club as has been discussed during previous AGM's in the past. The wasbay is nearly complete and the high pressure cleaner will be installed as soon as the new boundary wall on the south side of the club is erected.

The committee decided to do something about the severe bank erosion at the same time and as can be seen, the whole area was built up and re-enforced with wired gabion cages filled with concrete and ballast rock. The shore line was then back-filled and restored. Committee members Rainer Von Schuetz (R&M Plumbers) and Eugene Van Tonder (East Cape Civils) undertook the bulk of the work and the rest of the PEDSAC committee would like to thank them for their effort on behalf of all the club members.

PEDSAC was offered a sponsorship of a new Clearvue fence and this was erected on the front water edge after the repairs to the waterfront was completed. PEDSAC would like to extend a special thanks to Stephanus Hyman from Hyman Master Fence for his generous sponsorship and we are sure all parents will feel safer with their kids playing on the front lawn knowing that there is a safe barrier preventing any possible injury with kids falling down into the rocks. The safety gate to prevent kids accessing the walk-on unsupervised will be installed shortly.

### **New Members.**

We urge all new members to become involved with club events and competitions. The main events are the Club 100 draw, Music Trivia evenings and any other special event such as International and Super 15 Rugby derbies. SMS notifications are usually sent out as a reminder and we urge all members to come and join us and meet some of the older members. We have the Super 6 competitions that are run during the Spring and Summer Months and urge all new members to participate in these competitions which are usually held on the last Saturday of each of these months. There are



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some nice prizes up for grabs and is a good way to learn a few new tricks from the older guys.

The PEDSAC committee is organising an informal get-together for all new members (those that have joined in the last 6 months) on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, from approximately 17h30 – 18h00; all new members are urged to attend please.

## **Old Members**

We have welcomed quite a few new members into Pedsac over the last few months, but sadly had to say farewell to a few old ones too. Dawie and Anthea Botha decided to pack up and leave Port Elizabeth to settle down in Pretoria to be closer to their children. They were regulars during the Club 100 draws and Over's and Under's competition and has been members at Pedsac for as long as most of us can remember. We wish them all the best and trust that they will enjoy their golden years in the company of their children.

## **BLG Logistics Tuna Classic.**

The Tuna Classic has once again drawn to a close. We are happy to announce that a new Tuna Classic record Yellowfin Tuna of 102.8 kg was caught by Andre Wilkens Jnr. This confirmed record ensured him the bonanza prize of a brand new Ford Ranger Double Cab 4x4 T6 3.2L turbo Diesel supplied by Eastern Cape Motors. The only other fish making the minimum weight of 15kg weighed in at 18.6kg, winning the angler a top of the Range Raymarine Auto-Pilot system supplied by Bay Way Marine Electronics. Challenger, skippered by Andre Wilkens Snr was crowned top boat earning the crew R50,000-00 in cash sponsored by BLG Logistics.

Unfortunately, not many Yellowfin Tuna, besides young egg rolls(3-10kg Tuna) were caught. Tuna are not solitary fish and usually move around in great numbers and therefore more fish should have been landed and brought to the scales. Now that the record has been broken, It became evident that some very large fish are still present in our waters and that some anglers found large schools of Tuna possibly feeding on small squid deep down in excess of 150 meters of waters, but were unable to lure them up high enough to catch. This theory was re-affirmed when the prize winning record fish was dissected and the stomach contents exclusively found to contain squid. This has answered some of our questions which have left anglers scratching their heads over the last few years why recreational catches have dwindled over the last 5 years while commercial long liners achieve great success in our waters. Recreational anglers will have to change their tactics and start concentrating on deep rigging and bait fishing instead of trawling lures in order to achieve success again.



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Skipjack Tuna was caught in great numbers with many anglers labeled them as a nuisance preventing the larger Yellowfin that was feeding on the surface from taking the lures.

The tournament was well attended with this year's classic being labelled as one of the best in recent times by competing anglers and visitors.

The PEDSAC organising committee resorted to run the entire event, including the setup of the tent and bar facilities, in-house. This arrangement turned out to be a roaring success as this allowed the organisers more flexibility with the variety of products, specials and pricing in the beer tent.

The organising committee would like to thank all our sponsors, supporting staff, attending public, participating anglers and boat owners for all the support and commitment in keeping the tournament alive despite growing financial pressure and the small numbers of fish currently being caught.

The organising committee will be looking at ways to include other game species into next year's event to attract more anglers and thereby help to add another exciting element to this competition. Details will be released as soon as consensus on a viable format is reached.

## **Club Barman – George Moore.**

George will be retiring at the end of June after more than 20 years of loyal and dedicated service to Pedsac and its members. George will be missed by all of us and it will be hard to imagine Pedsac without George serving us with his usual comments and humour at the bar. The Pedsac committee would like to thank you on behalf of all our members for your loyal and dedicated service over all the years. We will be having a farewell party for George on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June, and invite all members to please join us in bidding George goodbye.

## **Club 100 draw.**

Ambiton Financial Services is officially back on board with the monthly Club 100 draw. There is a R2000-00 guaranteed main draw and R1000-00 attendance draw. The R1000-00 attendance draw sponsored by Ambiton will be carried over and added to the following month's R1000-00 draw should the drawn ticket holder not be present. There are still tickets available for the monthly Club 100 draw. Payment can be made either by cash or card at the bar on the night of the draw which happens on the last Tuesday of every month.

Numbers cannot be reserved. When purchasing your ticket, please write your cell number on the page in order for admin to send out SMS reminders.

Tickets will still cost R240 per ticket. Richard will outline the format for the 2014 year at the draws.

## **Subscriptions 2014.**

Please remember that the Club's subscription year runs from January – December; please make sure that all outstanding subscriptions and associated boat fees are paid by the end of January each year unless



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arrangements has been made with Denise regarding payments. Access tags will be disabled for those who have not yet paid their fees.

Please remember that if you do not intend to renew your membership, a written letter/email must be sent to Admin timeously (before the new subscription year in January). All non-payers will be blacklisted, and their names displayed on the Club noticeboard. Defaulters are not welcome at the Club.

## **Annual General Meeting.**

This year the Club's AGM will take place in September, and not in August, as in the past. The Club admin and Treasurer have found it increasingly difficult to finalise the year end and get a commitment from the auditors to have the financials ready in time for the AGM. In the past it has been a mad rush, and preparation time has been tight. The notice and final date for the AGM planned for September will be sent out timeously.

## **EP Competitions.**

PEDSAC anglers are currently dominating the EP representation with Colin Barris recently elected to represent the SADSAA team at this year's Tuna Nationals in Houtbay. Martin Gierz and Pierre Westerveld represented Pedsac in the 3-man EP team.

EPDSAA will also be sending two teams down to Kleinbaai to participate in the Western Province Bottom Fish Inter-provincial hosted by the Overberg Deep Sea Club between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

The EP red will consist of Richard Donaldson (Captain), Eugene Van Tonder and Wayne Gerber who won Gold in this event in 2013. EP Black will be represented by Kevin Clark (Captain), Peter Dawson and Pieter Didloff. We wish them well and hope that the repeat last year's success.

## **Gonubie Inter-Club.**

The following members were chosen to represent Pedsac at the annual Gonubie Inter-Club Derby taking place between 30 May and 2 June 2014.

Team 1: Kevin Clark (Capt.), Dave Rossi, Richard Donaldson.

Team 2: Wayne Gerber (Capt.), Christopher Gerber, Buchanan Breytenbach (Snr)

## **Competition Nominations.**

Please keep an eye on the Pedsac website. All competitions are advertised and any angler wanting to participate has to fill out a nomination form in order



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to be illegible for selection and avoid any disappointment for being overlooked.

The same procedure has to be followed in order to be selected for any EP team. Please contact the Pedsac competitions officer for more information.

## **Changes to the Committee.**

Our club PRO, Morven Maclean, has recently resigned his position on the Committee as he left to pursue a life in the country. Fortunately Morven is still a member and will be at the Club from time to time. Thank you for your time and effort you put into being on the Committee Morven.

Richard Donaldson slotted into the PRO portfolio with Eugene van Tonder elected as Entertainments Officer.

## **Dates to diarise:**

**4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 – PEDSAC Poker evening. For more information contact Eugene van Tonder on 0829061866.**

**6-8 June – Lee Catt Competition in Port Alfred. August Lee Catt competition date to be confirmed.**

**26<sup>th</sup> July 2014 – PEDSAC Annual Prizegiving awards and Dinner**

**8 November 2014 – PEDSAC mass boat inspection day. More details regarding times will be sent out closer to the day.**

Please remember to visit the PEDSAC website – our Committee members work hard to keep it up to date. Visit us on [www.pedsac.co.za](http://www.pedsac.co.za) for news, information and photographs.

Yours In Angling,

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