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**E-news from the Editor**

Welcome to Tightlines No 13 and congratulations to the Happy Hookers on their success at the Nowra Convention on the weekend. It was a close finish between Happy Hookers and Botany Bay. There were nine clubs represented by 86 anglers. Despite the not so good weather and not a lot of fish it was indeed a good effort by all. Well done Nowra SFC.

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**E-news from the President**

I have two requests for 2006.

One being at our next committee meeting, to be held Saturday April 8 at the South Sydney AFA clubhouse, Ansa NSW club presidents or representatives attend the meeting.

The second request is for this communiqué (Tightlines) and any other releases that come via electronic and mail from your ANSA NSW Committee be forwarded to your membership.

I'm disappointed that, after many requests last year and lots of asking and pleading, all current information released by the ANSA NSW committee, which directly affects and involves your clubs and your members, still does not get to your club members.

It does get to clubs, it does get read by a person or persons responsible for collecting the mail or receiving emails and maybe discussed at club committee meetings but I'm convinced most club members do not get to see Tightlines or even information gleaned from the communiqué and abbreviated in the club newsletter.

We spend your money and lots of time writing and preparing Tightlines. If its not working or not what clubs and members want to read or receive, let us know and we'll react. We believe its imperative that communication is regular, up to date and we all keep you informed of progress in what different roles we, as your representative committee, fulfill.

Another Convention is in danger of disappearing from the calendar due to falling attending numbers and lack of workers to host the travelling fisho. I again encourage club outings to coincide with ANSA NSW scheduled conventions. Travel as a club, support host clubs and show the host clubs that the effort it takes to conduct a convention is appreciated and worthwhile.

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**E-news from the Secretary**

Hello everyone and welcome to yet another year, I hope that all of you had a very safe, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and that most were able to get out and do what we all love doing the most.....fish.

As most of you would know we have a number of Conventions scheduled in the coming months and your support is needed to make these all successful events. These Conventions are designed to create camaraderie and mateship and give you the chance to catch up with not only "old" mates, but also meet some "new" ones as well, so get involved and be part of it.

Along with these coming Conventions we also have the State Titles, which will be held in April, so keep an eye out for more information on this event shortly.

I previously mentioned in the last Tightlines that I would not be standing for re-election at this years AGM due to an role change and increase in my work load, so I am again highlighting this, in the hope that someone will think about taking my current position of Secretary on. I will not lie to you, there is plenty of work to do, but it is a very enjoyable task and one that I have found most rewarding, as I have meet even more great friends and forged friendships that I know will be ongoing. Cya

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**E-news from the Vice President & Treasurer**

Not much has happened on the ANSA National scene since the last Tightlines bulletin. National is still waiting on IGFA to formally announce details of the new "length only" World Record criteria which will complement the existing World Record by weight criteria. This was expected to occur over January 06. ANSA National has agreed in principle with the new record criteria but will reserve final judgement until IGFA make a formal announcement. Once this occurs the new Record criteria will very likely be adopted by ANSA and details released to all members. ANSA National will then also progress further with possible new guidelines for Masters based on length only or estimated weight based on length criteria.

Members are also reminded that National no longer charges a fee for processing Master Angler Awards and as from 1 February 2006 there will no longer be a fee charged for processing ANSA National Records. ANSA NSW members will also not be charged for line testing should they wish to have a sample of line tested by the National Recorder.

On a broader National basis it is somewhat regrettable that Senator Ian Macdonald has been removed from the Commonwealth Fisheries portfolio and replaced by Senator Eric Abetz. from Tasmania. Senator Macdonald only recently announced a \$220 million finance package for the restructuring of the Commonwealth fishery including the buy out of a substantial component of the commercial fishing sector. This was encouraging and consistent with ANSA's campaign for a substantive reduction of long line effort off the SE Australian coast and for billfish to be declared a recreational only species. The direction Commonwealth fisheries will steer under the new



quality captures, which obviously require more quality captures to beat them. To date, there have been 58 new records this year, compared to 74 last year.

The NSW State Titles will once again be held this year, although unfortunately there is no Anzac Day long weekend this year as Anzac Day falls on a Tuesday. With this in mind, the NSW State Titles will be held over the weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. More detailed information will be forthcoming in the leadup to the actual Titles, but keep it in mind and think about forming some teams and competing for your club. A few captures that I have received recently, both as the Weighmaster for the Burrinjuck Convention and as the State Recorder have highlighted some differences between "local" club rules, and those of both ANSA NSW and ANSA National.

At least one club that I know of allows "assisted" captures for their junior and sub-junior members. This may involve helping with the rod, adjusting drag, or assisting in "lift and wind". Please note that these "assisted" captures ARE NOT eligible captures for wider ANSA purposes, and therefore ARE NOT eligible for the 12-Month competition, the NSW State Titles or NSW Records, or indeed Masters.

The ANSA rulebook clearly states that "The angler must hook, fight and bring the fish to the gaff unaided by any other person.". In addition, "Acts of persons other than the angler in adjusting reel drag or touching any part of the tackle either by hand or other device during the playing of the fish, or giving aid other than taking the leader (trace) for gaffing, netting or landing purposes, or in replacing or adjusting the harness" will disqualify the catch (see page 14 of the ANSA "Yellow Book").

Please note this also extends to situations such as the deckie handing you a rod with the fish already hooked, passing rods around to untangle lines, and grabbing your mate's line to clear the tip of weed – you can clear the weed, but you must not touch the tackle while doing so. All these things disqualify the catch FOR ANSA PURPOSES.

This does not affect their eligibility for those clubs that have this rule, but please be aware of the distinctions. Similarly, at least one ANSA club is allowing anglers to submit unwitnessed captures when accompanied by photographic evidence. Again, this may be fine for club purposes, but, alas, these captures are NOT ELIGIBLE for wider ANSA purposes. The weighing of each capture must be witnessed by a person over the age of 16 years who is capable of reading the measuring device, and must be signed accordingly.

Please be aware of your angling rules and obligations under ANSA, and if you have any confusion, or if your club would like to clarify some of these issues, don't hesitate to contact me, either by phone or email. Who knows, I might even pop around . . . . .

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## Vale Werner Kossman 1921 - 2006

In the early 70's some ANSA members had the pleasure of meeting, sharing and watching the emergence of one of the true legends in recreational fishing.

Werner Kossman was a brilliant man, an innovator and inventor who thought, designed and changed a lot of idea's and methods in the way we fished.

His fabulous WK Arrows and the infamous WK Bristles introduced many of us to Tuna fishing with great results.

Werner held many World and Australian records.

Werner hailed from Germany in 1956, was married to Violet and they produced a lovely daughter, Karin.

In later life, Werner wrote poems and stories, never stopped working, re-married in 2004 to Norma, (coming to his wedding at the age of eighty two on a Harley Davidson Bike, dressed in waders and a fishing hat), and always fished even though he lost use of his arm to a stroke.

Many of us will never forget when, at a Narooma Convention held at Mystery Bay, someone blew up the makeshift toilet whilst Werner was, let's say, using it.

His reaction and comments are folklore, as are his fishing achievements, his contribution to recreational fishing and to ANSA NSW.

A very funny gentleman who always gave his time to talk, teach and share, Werner will be sorely missed by many.

Rest in Peace Werner, it was an honour to know you.

Les Waldock