

## President's Report January 2012

I'm lucky to have a live in Secretary to remind me that my next President's report is due seems like yesterday that I was typing out the January report!

All the Committee have been working hard to keep things on track for our Comp which is now only a few weeks away and with the changes to our old format, special attention has been needed to ensure our online entries are being recorded and formatted correctly with the new program developed by our computer event organisers.

I know it's been almost a full-time job for Pam and Val ensuring all sponsorships are being received and thanked, company logos are being added to our fish record entries and web programs which will appear during the comp ensuring all sponsors are recognised.

I would like to encourage all people who are intending to participate in the comp that they do their online registrations early as it will save the committee heaps of work in the days leading up to the competition start date.

In regard to our sponsors, I would like to thank them for their ongoing support one would think that after all of our businesses and retailers have been through over the past year or so that they may have not been in a position to be so generous. It just goes to show the importance of our comp and the need to bring people into town and boost our economy.

We are making an extra effort this year to show off our major boat prize generously sponsored by Sapphire Marine, Honda Outboards Mad Dog boats, Savwinch and Garmin by taking it to other local towns including Mallacoota to sell entries and raffle tickets.

If you go to our website you will also find our special sponsors and direct links to their websites. So please support our local sponsors and businesses as without them our competition would not survive.

Our seafood night last Saturday was a great success with a full house of members and new guests enjoying prawns, calamari, a variety of fish including baked snapper followed by some delicious desserts. Thanks to the Carson's for their generous supply of fish and Eddie and Melanie prepared such a great feed. Let's also not forget those members who made their special desserts. We also had a bit of fun with the usual (or perhaps unusual) raffles.

There were comments made that with the increase in numbers it felt like one of the old-time functions so let us hope we can continue to replicate what was a great night in the future.

With the bathroom upgrades and the installation of our new club signage we are still working towards having our other repairs to the clubrooms completed in the next couple of weeks. Fingers crossed.

We will be having a working bee on the 26<sup>th</sup> February to tidy up around rooms and unload the shipping container with the stuff we use for the comp.

Unfortunately, the weather has still been a bit unkind to fishing the blue water but for those fishos who adopt the attitude "out before 7 and home before 11" they are achieving the result prior to the wind getting up.

I must buy an alarm clock ! Rob Schroeder