Well after months of deciding whether we could go ahead earlier last year due to covid and then another couple of months of making and communicating changes that would allow us to run the comp if covid struck again and the borders closed.

This year’s committee has pulled it of!!

Many of you would be aware that we not only beat the all-time record for entries but we smashed it with 1380 entries.

It has just about been a full-time job for many of the committee and as President I would like to thank them not only on behalf of the club but on behalf of our local communities for the boost to tourism and the boost to business sales. The local business that I have had a chance to speak with have indicated that they were extremely busy which I’m sure was recognition of their sponsorship.

We were also very generously supported with an increase of volunteers who were able to assist and event learnt new skills.

Thanks to our sponsors generosity our monster raffle was also well supported to the extent where our ticket barrel was too small to cope with the volume of tickets so we had to upsize to a large compost tumbler.

The change of format from weigh in to measure was very well received as it meant that entrants from areas outside Eden did not have to regularly come to the club rooms when upsizing fish.

Although the fish combinations did work well for Salmon and Tailor and for Bream and Whiting it was not well received for Snapper, Mowing and Nannygai so you can expect this combination to be revised. We have also had some good feed back as to what other species should be include next year with sponsors already committing to sponsor certain species.

Although there were a few glitches with our computer program resending some photos from the phone numbers we provided to the phone app these issues were worked around a have already been sorted for next year and you should see an easier format for entering species next year.

Some entrants that have trouble using mobiles and sending photos were happy to come to the club where our weigh masters did the job for them a bit like previous years. It was also good that many entrants came to the club to catch up and to view the leader board in front of the club rooms.

Once again, I would like to thank all those people that so generously donated their time to help at the clubhouse and take on any tasks allocated to them including data entry, selling entries and raffle tickets and assisting Eddie with the catering. It was also good to have some new and younger faces volunteering as this is obviously the future of our club and I hope that next years they will have a greater influence in the committee structure.

The major boat package was won by Josh Newstead from Painesville, a junior entrant who also entered the open section. Prior to winning the boat his name was also drawn out winning a Garmin sounder. When your luck’s in it’s in. Well done Josh.

I know that Wayne and Linda from Sapphire Marine and Auto are all ready discussing next years boat package with Mad Dog Boats, Honda Marine, Garmin Electronics, Savwinch and From A Sign.

Can’t wait to see what they come up with.

Take the opportunity to go to our club’s website, all of the Winner’s and respective categories are listed, also check out our sponsors and give them your support as was it not for them our annual competition would not be possible.

Regards Rob Schroeder