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Newsletter / Nuusbrief: August/Augustus 2019

UIT DIE VOORSITTER SE PEN / CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Mr President, NDAC Committee and Members

NDAC's Annual General Meeting is just a week away. I would like to invite all members to the meeting on August 17th at 10 am at the club house and the prize giving that evening at Alkmaar Farm stay.

Edwin Freeman was selected as Protea Captain to represent South Africa at the 2019 Billfish International Tournament in Guatemala, Edwin you made us very proud.

Well done to our angler of the month, Bouwer Opperman and his crew onboard Katrol Jol with some nice Wahoo and a Marlin caught off Santa Maria Mozambique.

Congratulations to all our members whom are celebrating their birthdays in August. I hope it is a memorable day and a blessed year.

Currently the club is in a good state with over 160 members affiliated to Mpumalanga and SADSAA. Any members interested in becoming more involved or part of the NDAC committee please contact myself or any committee member.

The next tackle box will be held at the club house and details will be made available soonest by SMS. I urge all members to attend these events for a bit of fun, making new friends and catching up with some old ones.

Yours in Angling

Sam Botha

NDAC Chairman

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Henry De Pradines Snr 06/08

Oom Jimmy de Pradines 24/08

Pierre Pienaar 03/08

Robbie Rowe 11/08

Anton Schultz 09/08

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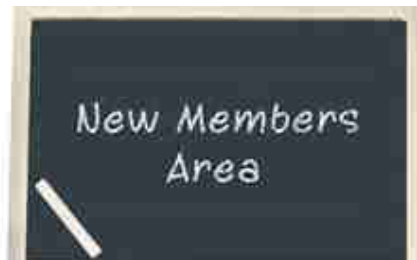
Sean Van Veijeren 17/08

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Jaco De Wet 22/08

Stefan de Plessis 31/08

Leo (♌) (Greek: Λέων, Leōn), is the fifth astrological sign of the zodiac. It corresponds to the constellation Leo and comes after Cancer and before Virgo. The traditional Western zodiac associates Leo with the period between July 23 and August 22, and the sign spans the 120th to 150th degree of celestial longitude. **Leo** is ruled by the sun, the dazzling celestial body that governs life and vitality. The sun never goes retrograde, and likewise, **Leos** are renowned for their stability, loyalty, and consistency. They are dedicated friends and lovers who put their heart into every relationship



Nelspruit District Angling Club
Year-end Prize Giving Function

Venue: Alkmaar Farm Stay
Date: 17 August 2019
Time: 18:00 for 18:30
Cost: R200 per adult (dinner included)
Payment: Use initials and surname as reference
Account Name: NDAC
Standard Bank Cheque Account
Account No: 630 266 751
Branch No: 052 852
Dress Code: Semi formal (Highest angling colours)
RSVP by 6 Aug: Louis Wessels (confirmation payment)
louis@so71.co.za
Accommodation: Book at www.alkmaarfarmstay.co.za
Refer Nelspruit District Angling Club



Our next tackle box will be in August 2019 and will be announced via sms soon!!

Please support our tackle box events!!

Make new friends and catch up with old ones. Learn something from fellow anglers...

Contact: Henry de Pradines for more information on 082 556 5820.

Nuwe lidmaatskap aansoeke / New member requests*:

Jacques Petrus Mostert

Frederich Jacobus Viljoen

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The great story of Zane Grey's world record blue marlin

BY DONNELL TATE

All fishermen tell a good story. Throughout history, these tales about big fish always gather attention, from fishermen and non-fishermen alike. Often, it's the fish that got away that become the biggest. But plenty of fish brought back to shore seem unimaginable and make for great storytelling.

In each case, the record catches have been carefully examined and authenticated by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA), the organization responsible for approving, or disapproving, world record claims. The lone exception is Zane Grey's fish, which was caught prior to 1939 when the IGFA was founded.

In 1930, very few anglers could afford to travel the world in pursuit of large game fish. The sport of big-game angling was still in its infancy, and the tackle of the day was primitive.

Grey stands out as a pioneering member of the small sect of big-game fishing aficionados who spent huge sums of money to feed their passion for big-game fish. Grey put together the boats, crew and captains to travel the world looking for fish-filled waters. He made his money writing popular western novels and used this wealth to stage elaborate fishing expeditions to Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti and other exotic locales.

Few anglers of that era ever dreamed of casting off in search of a 1,000-pound marlin. Most believed that such a voyage, or even such a fish, was outside the realm of possibility.

In 1930, Grey found himself on a multi-week expedition in Tahitian waters pursuing the mythical Tahitian striped marlin that reportedly grew to a massive size. Many years later, scientists would identify this species as the Pacific blue marlin.

The party fished aboard two boats, with Grey on the Tahiti. The group caught several good-sized marlins, but a monster fish they raised and lost brought Grey's blood to a boil. The anglers also caught tuna, wahoo and large sharks, but it wasn't until nearly the end of the expedition that fate would deliver a truly giant fish to Grey's freshly caught bonito bait.

On May 16, 1930, the morning passed uneventfully, with the exception of a few shark bites on several of Grey's baits. His tackle consisted of a heavy wooden rod and a large reel capable of holding 1,000 yards of 39-thread (117-pound-test) linen line and another 500 yards of 42-thread (126-pound) line for backing.

Suddenly a marlin attacked the bait, and Grey made a solid hook-set. The ensuing battle lasted several hours, and the Tahiti logged more than ten miles while chasing the great fish. As reported in Grey's book, "Tales of Tahitian Waters," the marlin jumped clear of the water 15 times and at one point almost got away by diving under the boat.

Finally, Grey defeated the huge marlin and brought it boat-side, only to see the billfish attacked by a pack of sharks attracted by the struggling fish. After tail-roping the marlin, the crew fought off the sharks as they chewed at the billfish's tail. Finally, after beating the sharks on the head and pulling the boat away from the bloody melee, the crew secured the fish and towed it back to camp.

Once onshore, the crew hoisted up what was left of the fish on a tripod of timbers. It tipped the scales to 1,040 pounds with a good section of the tail missing. This fish represents the first marlin over 1,000 pounds caught on rod and reel.

The fishing community generally accepted Grey's catch as the world's record at the time, although it was nine years before the IGFA and its rules, which would have disqualified the mutilated fish from record consideration, came into existence.

Angler of the Month / Hengelaar van die Maand:



Bouwer Opperman is our Angler of the month with his Wahoo of 28 kg he caught at off Santa Maria in Mozambique.

Congratulations Bouwer!!!

Bouwer Opperman is ons Hengelaar van die maand met sy Wahoo van 28 kg wat hy gevang het by Santa Maria in Mosambiek.

Baie geluk Bouwer!!!

WAHOO (*Acanthocybium solandri*) are tropical oceanic speedsters encountered by sport fishers throughout the world. Wahoo are usually found in small groups or individually around offshore reefs, coral drop-offs



Any paid up member of the NDAC is eligible for the "Angler of the month" award which is a R200 gift voucher sponsored by Solly's Anglers Corner Nelspruit...simply send in your pictures to qualify. Winners will be announced in the Newsletter and collect their vouchers from Solly's. All pictures received will be published in the Newsletter under the new "Members photos" section so please send in your images to ndac.angling@n.co.za today!!!

Enige lid van die NDHK wie se ledegelde opbetaal is kan in aanmerking kom vir die "Hengelaar van die maand" toekenning wat 'n R200 geskenkbewys is geborg deur Solly's Anglers Corner Nelspruit...dis eenvoudig, stuur net julle foto's in om te kwalifiseer. Wenners sal in die Nuusbrief aangekondig word en die geskenkbewys kan af gehaal word by Solly's. Alle foto's wat ontvang word sal in die Nuusbrief geplaas word onder 'n nuwe afdeling "Lede se foto's so stuur asseblief julle foto's vandag nog na ndac.angling@nashuaisp.co.za!!!

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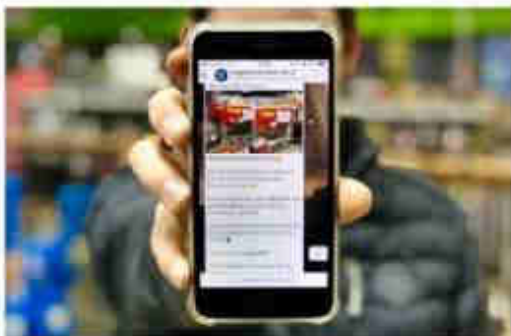


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