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## Savusavu Gamefishing Tournament Report

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I have just returned from what has to be one of the best annual tournaments in Savusavu with plenty of action and plenty of competition. The Victorian team which consisted of Peter Potter, Lance Simpson and myself ran a good second. The trip saw Lance experience many a first including his first gamefish, a 5.5kg Mahi Mahi. Peter unfortunately didn't quite make his dream of landing a Marlin but was onto a 500lb Blue for a short time before it came only 20ft from the boat at speed, turned right and broke the 600lb steel cable between the two hooks, Something Kapena, our cap-

tain, has only seen one other time in his life. Peter did land a nice 16.6kg Yellowfin to take out the Top Capture award.

It was the third time attending NSW boys who were on board Savusavu's new boat Ika Levu that took out the top prizes. Day one saw them bag 11 Mahi Mahi and a number of Walu. Day two, despite having bananas on board, resulted in a Shortbill Spearfish, Giant Trevally and Bluefin Trevally. This was all fantastic, but it was day three that proved to be their top day with Dogtooth Tuna and tagging a Marlin



only an hour before the end of the tournament. Dennis Jaques was the top angler of the tournament and there wasn't a happier man on the trip.

Next year's tournament is already in the planning process with dates being released as 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August 2007 and costings being finalized. This is set to be the biggest Corporate Fishing Charters Annual Tournament yet with up to 10 boats planned to be in attendance. You can register your details to be a part of the Victorian team for this tournament today... With 12 months to save for the fun fishing tournament of a lifetime!



## 1st CFCFC Trip for the Melbourne Season... Don't miss out!

This season is set to be a good one with early reports of Snapper coming in and a few new club members to introduce! Our first club trip of the season will be held out of St Kilda on new boat Bowen, a 34ft Kayzer craft with ample fishing space for up to 18 people. The trip will cost \$70 per person and includes all gear, bait, tackle, pancake

breakfast, BBQ lunch and freshly cooked fish on board. All clients, adult and children, are welcome on any of our club trips you don't need to be a member to enjoy a great day on the water. As always there will be showbags, prizes and a few good laughs on board for all who join us. These trips are a great chance to meet your Corporate Fish-

ing Charters hosts and to have a fun day on the water, hopefully with more than a few good fish! So whether you are just learning the fine art of fishing or you are an old hand who would like a day out without the hassle of towing the boat contact us today to join the first of the season's great club trips.

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### Upcoming Events:

- 17th September, CFCFC St Kilda Trip 5 hours - \$80pp
- 7th-13th October, Cape York Live Aboard
- 8th October, CFCFC Westernport Trip 6 Hours - \$80pp
- 21st-28th Oct, Gove Live Aboard Trip
- 3rd-7th Nov 06, Flinders Island Extended Trip

# Savusavu Gamefishing Tournament 2007



As mentioned in our main article on the Savusavu Tournament for 2006 we are already planning a huge tournament for 2007. It will be held in Savusavu with anglers being accommodated at the Hot Springs Hotel. Package prices are still being constructed but you can expect to pay in the mid 3000's for a week away on an all inclusive package.

Teams will consist of 4 anglers per boat and in 2007 your options will include the choice of joining a team or creating your own, choice of boat and skipper (be quick, first in first

served) and early registrations are being taken now. To register your interest in the tournament all you need to do is contact Corporate Fishing Charters by phone or email and give us your details, that way when pricing is complete in the next few weeks you will be the first to know and you will have first choice of everything!

The 2007 Annual Tournament package will include return international airfares with Air Pacific (ex Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane), return domestic airfares with Sun Air, 1 night's accommodation in the Fiji Mocambo Hotel in

Nadi, 6 night's accommodation at Hot Springs Hotel including all meals, 3 full days fishing in the Savusavu Annual Friendly Tournament including final night seafood buffet and presentation of prizes and departure taxes. This is going to be the best of the CFC Tournaments and you may even be competing with local teams including a crew from Air Pacific and from the local visitors bureau... Dates

have been structured around the moons to give you the best opportunity to tag that dream Marlin and we know from recent years that they are definitely out there!



## Taveuni - Fiji's Garden Island

Taveuni is located 9km off the eastern shores of Vanua Levu (Savusavu) and is the 3rd largest island in the Fiji group. This island is sparsely populated and has a strikingly rugged coastline, a sunken crater lake, two of the highest peaks in the Fiji group of islands and is rumored to have some of Fiji's best fly fishing. Corporate Fishing Charters has been asked to explore Taveuni and it's fishing potential during 2007 and this will be done

on a full tour of the Northern Fijian Islands to truly release the fishing potential of the area, so keep an eye out for articles on Fiji's North in 2007!

But fishing is not all that Taveuni offers to travelers. There is a strong tidal current from the strait which brings rich nutrients that are not only ideal for fish life but also for coral. Taveuni offers many natural forma-

tions to divers such as the great white wall, rainbow reef and the cabbage patch which are explored by diving companies on the island on a regular basis.

There is a small range of accommodation on Taveuni including budget rooms, guest cottages, rooms in houses as well as the occasional resort. Taveuni presents a way of living that was 20 years ago for the rest of Fiji!

## Tonga's Best Skipper... And the oldest boat?

Tonga is known as one of the best fishing destinations in the South Pacific and is renowned for its skippers who are all ex-pats from either Australia or America. This particular skipper is American and has worked in all regions of the fishing industry in the South Pacific since the early 70's before

making the permanent move to the peaceful harbour town of Neiafu in the Vava'u island group.

Sure his boat looks old and wooden and may not be anywhere near Australian specifications but he owns the local fishing tackle store in town and has enough gear and tackle on board to sink a ship and many have seen him head out in hard years and where no other skipper has produced fish and he has always come in with something. This is Paul Mead. Paul is a bit of a legend around Vava'u and is a mad keen



fisherman, even in his spare time!

Most clients that have fished with him have loved his easygoing manner and have won their trophy fish under his instruction. This skipper is one that you will remember for years and his white wooden boat will catch you all the gamefish

you have ever dreamed of! Packages for this boat can be put together or we can organize a day trip to fit in with your holiday.



# Fish Gove... And see some of Arnhemland's Finest!

Arnhemland is a culturally strong, remote, and pristine environment. Yolngu (Aboriginal) people solely own Arnhemland and have lived in this region for at least 60,000 years with recognised land and marine estates.

Clans living throughout Arnhemland hunt fish, bush animals and seasonal bush foods. Today Yolngu retain their cultural and spiritual links to the area.

East Arnhemland is one of the last wilderness areas on earth, yet all services can be found in the town of Nhulunbuy, located on the Gove Peninsula approximately 750 kms by road

from Katherine and home to about 4,000 people.

Nabalco built the town on a special purpose lease in 1971 to service its bauxite mine, despite concern from the Yolngu. However, the town is now an intricate part of the region, making it an ideal base from which to explore.

The Gove Peninsula is scenic with long white sandy beaches, azure waters and green vegetation. This is where the Gulf of Carpentaria meets the Arafura Sea and the temperatures range between 28C and 30C with plenty of cool breezes.

Not to mention the spectacular fish-

ing in the area. This is a place where you can bring your wife along to enjoy some picturesque scenery while you revel in the plethora of fish you will find and at the end of the day you can both meet back on you fully air conditioned mothership for a refreshing Gin and Tonic before a gourmet 3 course meal.

Arnhemland is a natural wonder on it's own, but teamed up with the waters off the Gove Peninsula, you have found yourself a fishing holiday that finally you will both enjoy!

21-28 October 2006

6 places (or 3 couples) available

## The Family Holiday where a couple of days fishing is not far away... WELCOME TO THE COOK ISLANDS!

If asked, most will tell you that the Cook Islands is surrounded by beautiful white beaches, boutique resorts and fantastic people and culture, and they wouldn't be far wrong! What most neglect to tell you is that this white beached wonderland also holds the key to not only some great game-fishing but fly fishing for the illustrious bonefish as well!

Each island has a different fishing specialty and you can either choose one or we can create an itinerary the

shows you them all. Rarotonga is your main island and home to the international airport. Day charters and share charters are available from the main harbour with Wayne who is a great skipper who has called Rarotonga home for a number of years now. Then you move on to Aitutaki, famous for its lagoon and the appeal to honeymooners. A local guide will take you to explore the wonders of the lagoon and the excitement of the run of a bonefish too!

Once you have seen the two main islands then you start to see what the Cook Islands are really about by visiting the island of Mangaia. Here you will fish with bamboo poles and fishing line in the traditional way in the company of the local men. Hook a fish? Then you just have to walk backwards until you pull it in! Finally there is the island of Atiu, home to only 1 set of guest houses for tourists and some true culture of the Cook Islands. Fishing here is still being researched.

## Flinders Island... The Fishing Hot Spot!

Flinders Island has taken off as a destination over the last 6 months. As opposed to the 2-4 trips Corporate Fishing Charters runs throughout the year, we have that planned for November alone in 2006!

This is a fantastic fishing destination that has been forgotten by many an angler and rediscovered over and over by more. Being only one of the 52 islands in the Furneaux Group, there

is always another island to fish and always more shelter just around the corner. Not to mention the fantastic fishing off the continental shelf, where in season you can catch massive Blue and Striped Marlin, Yellowfin Dogtooth and Skipjack Tuna and many more of the big gamefish. Later in the year you head out for the magnificent tasting Striped Trumpeter. There aren't many places in the world

where you can catch these fish and we have some anglers who chase them religiously just to fill the freezer every year!

There is so much variety available in this very small fishing destination and the beauty of it is that it is affordable too, with most trips coming in at under \$1000.

29 Sept-2 Oct 06 - 4 spots left  
3-7 Nov 06 - 2 spots left BOOK NOW

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## Jay's Update

As always, this has been a hectic month with Gordon taking off to Fiji for the 2006 Savusavu Fine Lines Tournament and the tail end of shows with the second last one of the year being the Drouin Primary School Fishing and Camping Expo. This is a great show that is organized by the Drouin Angling and Social Club as a fund raiser for Drouin Primary School.

We provided a prize for the lucky winner of the raffle for the weekend being 1 spot on our Flinders Island Annual Trip in November to assist.

Next up is the Melbourne Fishing Show and the start of what promises to be a great fishing season in Melbourne. So keep your eyes and ears peeled for the fish that are starting to come in and now that the weather is warming up we can all finally get back out on the water! It's spring... Enjoy!

Cheers  
Jay

## Your Regular Fishing Updates Right throughout the season!

### LATEST NEWS!

Check out JV Marine for all your fishing needs including fishing trips! Both the Braeside and Laver-ton stores have Corporate Fishing Charters presence where you can choose from one of 6 fantastic trips and fish with a pro!

Westernport - Our skipper tells us that it's not quite happening as yet in Westernport. The fishing at the moment is a mixed bag with a few Couta in the bay and the occasional Snapper, they are nott schooling up as yet, but this is the time to catch the bigger ones that are traveling alone. The Snapper will start to school up in October so we assume that they just wait until the grand final is over and done with before they give us any fun!

Fiji - It is Wahoo season in Fiji and they are doing well off the Coral Coast. 1 trip this month reported 6 Wahoo being caught as well as a Sail-fish! Savusavu is heating up in season with Shortbill Spearfish, plenty of Mahi Mahi and there is Marlin action as well!

### Cook Islands... Plus Fishing!

Rarotonga, Cook Islands

\$4380.00 per couple\*

Based on 1 angler & 1 non-angler

Package Includes: Return international airfares with Air New Zealand, domestic transfers, 5 night's twin share accommodation at the Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa, 2 half day share charters and 1 full day sole charter for 1 angler and all pre-payable departure taxes.

\*Valid if booked before 31st March 2007 and subject to availability of airfares.