

Cairns Sportfishing Club

Nomination for the

Eric Moller Award

It is with great pleasure that the members of the Cairns Sportfishing Club nominate Geoff Chapman for this prestigious award.

Geoff joined ANSA in 1975 and has been a member for every year since joining, 50 years in total. During this time Geoff has fostered and promoted the ethics of ANSA in all facets of fishing that ANSA have to offer.

He has mastered fishing in all environments from freshwater, saltwater to open ocean gaining a trail of masters and records on the way. The club being a foundation club has gone through a lot of highs and lows but it has been the efforts of Geoff that have kept the club operational.

The club at present is in a lull and has only had four members for the past 10 years but still Geoff continues to promote ANSA and the club in search of new members. He has been the President of the club for the past 20 years and will continue to do so well into the future.

As one looks at the annual open competitions the following competitions have been won by the Cairns Sportfishing Club, please remember that most of this success is due to Geoff's fishing ability;

Club Champion

- a) 2016/17,
- b) 2017/18,
- c) 2018/19,
- d) 2019/20,
- e) 2020/21,
- f) 2021/22,
- g) 2022/23,
- h) 2023/24, and 2024/25.

Champion Angler

- a) 2017/18 - tied 1st,
- b) 2019/20 - tied 1st,

- c) 2020/21 - tied 1st,
- d) 2021/22 - tied 1st,
- e) 2023/24 - tied 1st, and
- f) 2024/25 - tied 1st.

Species Challenge

- a) 2024 – 2nd 37 species (Cairns 1st/2nd)
- b) 2025 - 2nd 31 species (Cairns 1st/2nd)

Best Species

- a) 2016/17 - 2
- b) 2017/8 - 4
- c) 2019/20 - 8
- d) 2020/21 - 4
- e) 2021/22 - 3
- f) 2022/23 - 1
- g) 2023/24 - 3
- h) 2024/25 - 5

Trophy Masters

Second overall on 441.

Bucket List

Second overall on 237 Species comprising of :

- a) 22 Pelagics,
- b) 77 Coastal,
- c) 114 Reef, and
- d) 24 Freshwater.

Champion Club

- a) 2016/17 1st,
- b) 2017/18 1st,
- c) 2028/19 1st,
- d) 2019/20 1st,
- e) 2020/21 1st,
- f) 2021/22 1st,
- g) 2022/23 1st,
- h) 2023/24 1st, and

i) 2024/25 1st.

It is important to put the above achievements into context. Geoff's personal achievements which would have to be one of if not the best and consistent performance by any individual within the ANSA movement. This along with the club achievements have been repetitively outstanding particularly since the club only has a membership base of 4 members. Meaning that the club's performance can be directly attributed to Geoff's broad spectrum of fishing ability.

Aside of all the above he has fished every NQ Championship taking out a number of awards in the process. He has always been extra keen to pass on this knowledge coaxing juniors and seniors out in his boat to undertake a one on one fishing trips teaching them the fundamentals of all the fishing methods within the environments available within the Cairns and regional areas.

As a kid growing up in Cardwell he himself was mentored by both Eric Moller and Vic McCristal and the Cairns Sportfishing Club feels that Geoff Chapman is a worthy recipient of the Eric Moller award.

Yours Sincerely

Cairns Sportfishing Club members.