



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting Monday 7th December

7pm Beenligh Bowls Club

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Last Meeting

Most of the meeting was taken up with discussion with the direction of ANSA Queensland and the outcomes of the extraordinary general meeting of the state committee and club delegates. We are still functioning with a commitment to a better and more modern direction. Lloyd gave a rundown on Glenlyon, and a DVD of my recent trip there. Must have worked by the results (see trip reports)

Next Meeting

An informal meeting for December, a few stories and a few drinks

VALE Bob Hartley 24/6/1947 – 31/10/2015



By now you would all know of the tragic death of Bob and his wife Ruth, in a terrible car accident on the Cunningham Highway, east of Warwick on the 31st of October.. The presence of so many club members at their funeral, was testament to the regard he was held in, within the club. Bob was primarily a fly fisherman, and I think he was starting to really broaden his fishing skills with

participation in the club and our sharing our expertise in all fishing styles. To have the lives of both them cut short, by the simple act of being on the road, enjoying the freedom of our country, is a stark warning all of us who travel the highways, simply to go fishing. We will miss them.

Coming Club Trips

Albert River Shark Trip – Tuesday, 26th January (Australia Day)

The Paterson Road boat ramp on the Albert River is the best departure point for this trip. Sharks (catch and release) are the target of this mainly social trip. Ray Bricknell is the captain for the trip and the host for a BBQ at his house just a shark's throw away. Partners are welcome, BYO food and drinks.

February 18th to 20th – A question mark on this one. We were looking at weekend trip to Cressbrook Dam, but there are a few logistical issues there. We were going to discuss it last meeting but the ANSA dramas intervened. BP dam near Murgon was another suggestion.

Borumba Dam March 18th to 20th

Our regular trip, (flooding notwithstanding) based at the Deer Park camping ground in cabins or camping if you desire. Bass and Saratoga are the species for this trip. John Eldred is the trip captain.

Trip Reports

GLENLYON DAM TRIP 2015 by Tom Wallbank

Eleven members attended the 2015 Glenlyon Dam trip. They were Neil McNeil, John Cumberland, Ross Hamilton, Owen Powell, Glen Kennedy, Brad Baldwin, Andrew Cumberland, Jeff Maddalena, Chris Lund, Lloyd Willmann and myself. The weather was good, although hot. Winds were mostly light apart from one day which blew us off the dam by late morning, but were able to return late afternoon. There were a couple of customary late afternoon storms that had us scurrying for cover one in particular with 60 knot winds made the dam quite dangerous. If we had surfboards we could have added surfing to the weeks activities.



While the quantity of fish was down this trip, the quality was up. For the first time a Cod over 90 cm was caught, not just one but six, with two others hooked and lost. Jeff started the ball rolling by landing a 94 cm Cod while trolling around the island east of the 'nursery' using a yellow 'Garra' lure he purchased at the Glenlyon Dam shop. The next morning it was Neil's turn, not once but twice – a 92 cm and a 114 cm – a new Club record which will stand for some time. Well done him. Neil caught his fish spinnerbaiting the trees at the sinkholes. On Monday afternoon Brad was next on the board landing, tagging and releasing a 92 cm specimen spinnerbaiting the sinkholes. The

following morning the sinkholes were again the location where Andrew became a member of the meter club, netting and releasing a 100 cm Cod. He also was using a spinnerbait. The



same morning it was my turn, a 92 cm fish from the trees north of the sinkholes. Just an hour later Lloyd hooked up to another big fish. He made some gain but as I picked up the net the Cod decided to get serious, he or she turned, applied the power and headed back home. Lloyd tried to turn the fish but all he could do was watch line peel from his reel as the fish made it safely back into the timber. We were disappointed not to at least see the fish but it will always be tricky when tossing lures into sticks. Another big Cod was lost by

Neil on the last morning of the trip when his leader failed. There were five other legal Cod caught – 61, 64, 67, 70 and 78 cm. In all there were 20 Cod caught with eleven being legal. The best ratio of legal Cod caught of any previous trips.

Of all the big Cod caught, all but one were caught with spinnerbaits. The technique used was to cast into the top of submerged trees and let the spinnerbait sink about 12 to 15 ft before slowly retrieving the lure (or slow rolling to you yanks). The depth of water the trees were in didn't matter much, nor the colour of the lure.

The only disappointment of the trip was the lack of Golden Perch. Just nine Yellas, all legal fish, with Lloyd being the only fisher to catch one on bait. There were many theories put forward as to why this was so, but apart from Coolmunda Dam, other dams were experiencing the same problem. In addition, six Silver Perch were landed, three on bait.

The fishing was hard but the rewards were there if you persisted and as I stated in the trip sheet this dam provides the best opportunity to catch a trophy Cod, as five lucky anglers can attest.

The Glenlyon Dam trip in the past has always been a great social event with this trip not being any different. Thanks go out to Brian and Debbie for their efforts towards making the trip a success. Firewood was already supplied to our cabins before we had arrived, and provided two freezers free of charge, and one night treated us to a lovely meal, complete with nibbles, main course and dessert – yum! Already looking forward to next year.



LAFMA Bass and Mary River Cod tagging trip

This was our annual trip to the Scenic Rim to tag Bass and Cod in conjunction with LAFMA. I think there were more SBSFC members, nine I think, though most of us are in LAFMA as well. The target this year was to collect Mary River Cod for brood stock for the Hanwood Fish Hatchery at Murgon for future fingerlings for Wyalaring and the Scenic Rim streams. Why here? you may ask. The Fisheries aren't giving out permits to collect stock in the Mary River, the most logical area, because of advice that there is only "40 breeding pair" in the system. How they arrived at that decision is hard to fathom..

Again we were based at Mark Ward's property at Kerry. Storms the previous week put fresh in the Albert and Logan, so the hunt for some cleaner water in the feeder creeks was the only option. The first foray in the morning was to the south branch of the Albert and over to Christmas Creek. Tom scored a 41cm Bass in the South Albert, an exceptional fish for the small water. Jeff, Eddy and Chris must have nearly run out of tags, in a tight spot in the same tributary. Smaller Bass in cover so close, only one could cast at a time. Kev and I went over the hill to Christmas Creek to find it was up about 30cm, but clear (just) enough for lures. Kev took a 38cm Bass from one hole, dropped a cod in the next.



In the afternoon, we went with Mitch and Glen over on to Mt Barney Creek, where it comes down between Mt Barney and Mt Maroon, to join the Logan. Cod and Bass had been stocked here in the initial release about 8 years ago. Beautiful water, but almost impossible to put a cast in with the heavy vegetation. A small Bass did come out of it though, which was great, because this water is a long way up country.



Kev and I went back to the water we fished in the morning, hoping to entice the fish we lost. Kev walked down the hole he lost the fish in, and I concentrated on the one just upstream. With the light fading, we didn't have a lot of time to explore further upstream. I was using a new surface walker I had just built, covering the water systematically. After 20 minutes, flogging the same hole, whack, a cod rolled over the lure as it waddled past a single

branch hanging over the pool. A nice little fish of about 50cm. Now the fun started. Kev came splashing upstream on my shout. He held it in the water with the lip grips, as I ran up to the vehicle parked in the paddock about 500m away to get the esky and bucket. Now the banks of the creek are pretty steep, and plenty of cow pads leading down to the water. They get pretty greasy after rain, and that's the way I got back, on my backside, sliding down 15m only stopping when my feet hit the creek bed.

Cod safely in the esky, we fished another 30 minutes with no result. Craig from Hanwood had arrived, with his ute and oxygenated holding tank. With mine, three cod was the total for the day.

The next day, Kev headed back over Christmas Creek. My back wasn't the best after the mud slide the day before, so I poked around the south branch for no result. Lloyd, Tom and JC went with Mitch over to Running Creek, walking into some isolated water. They caught the best cod of the trip, over 60cm, but couldn't get it out safely, and had to release it. Craig's jaw hit the ground when told the news, but Kev came to the rescue at the last moment as they were packing up, with the cod he lost the day before, a 55cm fish.

A successful trip, even with the dirty water, but all the cod came out of Christmas and Running Creek, both Logan tributaries, and none from the Albert.

The photos below why you go fishing with Kev Ford (he's not afraid to get wet) A bit warmer than Alaska



Retrieving Lure #1



Then #2



Finally #3

Warning!!!!

Don't drop a 110cm Cod onto to your leg like my mate Graham did at Copeton Dam last week



Teviot Brook bridge upgrade???

Some of us have fished for Bass in the backed up water of Cedargrove Weir, launching on the Teviot Brook arm at the old bridge on the back road from Jimboomba to Woodhill. Access has been cut off for 12 months while they built a new bridge. Now you can't get down to the water with a vehicle, and have to park up at the top in full view of passing traffic, and can only drag your yak or canoe down a drain between the Armco and the bank of the cutting. Some idiot will end up cutting a track over the bank with a 4x4 and having it closed permanently.



WYALARONG CARP & TILAPIA ERADICATION COMP

**DON'T FORGET THE BIG DAY AT WYALARONG DAM ON THE
27th of February FOR THE CARP & TILAPIA COMP TO RAISE
FUNDS TO STOCK THE DAM.**



Sunday 6th December

**30,000 Bass being released (Wyalarong 10,000 – Logan/Albert
20,000)**

Annual Membership Fees

Normal Membership - \$70

Family Membership - \$90

Student over 16 - \$20

Student under 16 (non family) \$15

Junior – \$15

You can pay by cash at a meeting or by direct deposit into BSB 814282 Account 30814236

**Any club member wishing to sell gear, please let me know so I can place it in the
newsletter**

Club Logos & Stickers – Shirts & Boat

Large & small boat stickers – Large \$6 Small \$3
SBSFC Club Logo embroidered on your shirt
- \$10 - Bring to a club meeting, Back the next.

LENDING LIBRARY

The club has a number of fishing and fishing associated DVDs for hire. Available at club meetings, a \$20 deposit, refunded when they are returned at the next meeting

DEALS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Marine Safe Australia – Marine Safety Gear

21 Rowland St, Slacks Creek 3808-1988

Danny Hughes Fishing Restoration – Rod/Reel Repairs Ph 0438 012619

Yatala Outboard Wrecking – Specialising in used parts for all makes & models. Repairs & Servicing – Gary & Trent 3807 2488 – 7 Old Pacific Hwy

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