



JULY NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting Monday 6th July

7pm Beenligh Bowls Club

11 Hanover St, Beenligh

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This Meeting

To generate some interest in our next week long trip to Baffle Creek, trip captain John Eldred has asked me to give a talk on the destination. I've put together a slide/video presentation on what to expect. I hope it works on windows 8 in the clubs laptop.

Last Meeting

We had a in depth discussion about the direction the club was going, with some heartfelt suggestions from Ray Bricknall and others.

Coming Trips

.Nerang, Southport Canals July 19th – Bream and Flathead, Mangrove Jack hopefully, around the pontoons, jetties and rock walls. Budd's Beach ramp the suggested start. Jeff Maddalena trip captain.

Pimpama River August 16th – A favourite spot for our trips again. Flathead probably the main target. John Cumberland again, the trip captain

Albert River Bass Tag September 26th – Our regular trip to tag Bass in the tidal section of the Albert River. Pending confirmation from trip captain Lloyd Willman, it might be a Saturday arvo/Sunday morning trip. We can camp on Wilmann's Island, Lloyd's cousins property a couple of k's down from the causeway. This will let us have an evening session with surface lures.

Baffle Creek October 10th to 17th – We must confirm our booking in August. John estimates for 8 people, it would be \$250pp for the week. There will be no changing minds on this one. If you decide to go and pay, then back out, no refund. We must know numbers this meeting or by August. If the figures don't stack up, it's off.

Glenlyon Dam November 20th to 27th – Our regular week long Glenlyon trip. Always popular well attended. If you are thinking of going, let us know this meeting.

Trip Report

The winter whiting trip was cancelled due to the weather forecast. As an aside, I took a mate, Norm Collingwood out the day before to Potts Pt to catch a Snapper. The wind was picking up even then, which didn't bode well for the club trip on Saturday. No luck there, or at the Iron Pin, and at the Saltworks. So it was down to the Giant's Grave to have a troll up in Brown's Bay on the top of the tide for Flathead. Norm had never caught a Flathead trolling, so it was pressure on. We trolled up the gutter that runs up into Brown's and out again, and up again and back out. One good hit the second run. The final run out, both our rods went off. A nice Bream on mine. Norm's fish ran a bit harder. Here was his first trolled lizard. Closer to the boat, a flash, the white of a Flathead's belly?, no, a 60cm Jew. In 6 foot water no less. I had another good hit in the same area. Jew hunting bait in the shallow water on top of the tide? You never know.



The only club activity on the Sunday, was Kev Ford tutoring Neil McNeil on flycasting in the park. Kev has kindly offered instruction to any members interested in learning of tweaking their fly casting. Kev sent me a more detailed outline on what he does, but I couldn't convert to Word from his email. Sorry mate, but if anyone sends me anything, please send it as an attachment in Word. I'm still not that computer capable.

JC's Birthday Trip (postponed from his 65th)



Andrew and I spent 3 days fishing the Hinchinbrook system with Todd Eveleigh from Crackajack Sportfishing Adventures. Following is a brief overview of our trip.

Day 1 - Fished the Seymour River plus a few adjacent creeks, we caught Barramundi, Mangrove Jack, Cod, Trevally and a Bull Shark. Method was casting 2.5" Mad Mullet Deep Lively Lures. The lures we used had caught well over 100 fish and the paint work was hardly recognisable. The retrieve was to twitch the lure over and into a snag to produce a strike. Also fished for King and Blue Salmon in one creek system but had no luck. Todd says a poor wet season this year has affected the fishing.



Day 2 - We were hoping to get out to the reef in Todd's bigger boat but conditions were not suitable. Instead we fished the Lucinda Sugar loader jetty (5.7kms long) end section. Fishing was slow with me landing a 1m plus Queenfish, first one I have caught. It put up a great fight and stretched my arms somewhat. It hooked up on a Fhookup soft vibe lure. Andrew connected with a big Trevally, estimated 20kg plus but after 20 minutes the hook pulled. He was upset to say the least, it took an 80g raider slug.

Day 3 - Went up the Herbert River about 20kms for Sooty Grunter and caught 30 Sooties all on small Bassmann spinner baits. Fished shallow water snags and over big rock bars with Sooties coming out of holes in the rock to attack the spinner baits, they sure hit hard, tow a Bass backward. In the warmer months the Herbert fishes great for Jacks and big Barra.



The next day Todd bait fished with clients for Barra and some large fish were caught. We thought about bait at one stage but resisted going to the dark side. This was the first time I have fished with a guide - should have done so years ago as I learnt so much, like working the lure in snags, lure retrieval without moving the boat into the snag and how to tie the now famous FG knot. Not to mention not having to take leaves etc. of your lure, that's the guides job.

We had a great trip even though the fishing was a bit quiet and the wind up, would like to do another trip in the warmer months. The Halifax Hotel in Halifax was a great place to have a quick beer while Todd fuelled the boat for next day and we spent the Friday night there with great food and company. We were guests of Todd and Raylene at their home, their 2 kids had us playing UNO every night and Todd's home brew Bourbon went down a treat. Accommodation is available at Lucinda which Todd can arrange for you.



I would highly recommend Crackajack Sportfishing Adventures if you are keen to fish the Hinchinbrook system.

Notice of Annual General Meeting on August 3rd

The August meeting is our AGM for election of the office bearers for 2015-16. Reports from present office bearers for inclusion in August Newsletter please. Reports from President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tagging and Recording officers.

Annual Membership Fees due by August

Normal Membership - \$70

Family Membership - \$90

Student over 16 - \$20

Student under 16 (non family) \$15

Junior – \$15

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

Happenings of interest

Australian Lure, Fly & Outdoor Expo July 18/19th – Bigger than ever this year. Again at the Ipswich showground in the show hall. 9am to 4pm each day, admission \$10, 2 days \$15. Go to www.lureshow.com.au

Boaties Market July 26th – Victoria Point State School, run by the Vic Point Air Sea Rescue.

Net Free Zones – If you followed the election promises in the last state election, part of Labour's promises was to establish net free zones along the Queensland coast. Already pressure is being put on sitting government members in these areas, by professional fishing lobbyists to water down or even kill the process. There is a new campaign starting by concerned rec fishers, called NETS OUT QUEENSLAND as a first step in a groundswell to ensure the government's promises are kept, or even better, expanded. Read about it in the July Qld Fishing Monthly. To sign the e petition go to www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/e-petition?PetNum=2405. Tell all your fishing mates about it. Success in the planned areas could lead to net free zones in Moreton Bay.

Fishing the Edges

By the Editor

After 3 trips to Baffle Creek over the last 18 months, 2 good trips, 1 terrible, the last trip probably confirmed a technique, we have used in the past, but probably not used enough. A lot of fishermen drive past areas that hold fish. By that I mean the shallow edges. We all know that snags and structure on the bank with deepish water hold fish and we naturally target them. It came about, because at Baffle, the great looking sandbanks with drop offs and water movement, that in our area (the Bay) would always produce Flathead, didn't at Baffle Creek. We came to the conclusion that the Flathead didn't snuggle down in the coarser sand that was a feature of the creek. The penny dropped, when we pulled a couple off muddy, soft sand verges.

The water was too shallow to troll, so casting was the method. Further examination revealed is that is where the yabby holes are. They didn't like the gritty, coarse sand. Find the bait, find the fish.



The tide was the secret, a dropping tide. As the tide receded from the mangrove, mud clump, and rubble edges, the bait came with it. Hard body lures cast almost on the exposed banks and worked back, often in only a few centimetres of water saw some exceptional "flats fishing". On more than one occasion, a Flathead would rocket clear of the water with a lure in it's mouth. Distance from the bank is critical. Too close and we would spook fish in the shallow water. Too far out, and we weren't casting close enough, to take advantage of all the water. This is where your electric motor is essential. Always move into the tide and/or wind. Too fast with the tide or wind, you cover the water too quickly. You have to work every centimetre of the bank. If you have a run off, gutter or a spindly snag, no matter how small, it will often shelter bait that has come out on the dropping tide. We often fished the same areas consecutive days and still caught fish.

Gear for Sale

As many of you know, one of my oldest fishing mates, Darryl Steel passed away recently, and I have been tasked with the job of selling some of his gear, listed below. E mail or text me if you are interested. I can deliver them this meeting.

Silstar Shoreline Baitcaster (2 of) - \$20ea



DAM LC2000 Baitcaster - \$50

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German Made



ABU SX7700c - \$70

Levelwind removed.



Quantum IR3 Baitcaster - \$30

Medium size baitcaster with clicker

Ideal for livebait fishing



Penn 12 International - \$200



Polypropylene bait boards – I have a heap of seconds in bait boards 60 X 40, I bought at reduced price. They retail at \$80, to club members **\$20. I can bring some along this meeting.**



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 \$5
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

Gem Bait & Tackle – 281 Jacob's Well Rd, Alberton Ph 3287 3868

Fuel, Gas, Bait & Tackle, Ice, Groceries & Takeaways - Open 7days