



MARCH NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting Monday 2nd March

7pm Beenligh Bowls Club

11 Hanover St, Beenligh

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This Meeting

Peter Herbst from the Tackle Warehouse will be coming along to pass on some of his expertise in fishing Moreton Bay. Lloyd will be bringing along a DVD of the scattering of Vic McCristal's ashes in creek number 8 in Missionary Bay on Hinchinbrook Island.

Coming Trips

Borumba Dam March 20th/22nd – Cabins at the Deer Park camping ground. All going should be booked in with John Eldred by now

Southern Bay Saturday May 23rd – Snapper, Jew etc the target fish, Bream and Tailor season will just starting. Weinam Creek ramp the start point. Kev Ford the trip captain.

Mid Year Club Dinner Saturday May 23rd – Venue to be decided

Logan River to Giant's Grave Saturday May 30th – Fishing for whatever in that area, Snapper and Jew should be around, plus Tailor early morning down towards the powerlines. Lloyd Willman, trip captain.

Pelican Banks Saturday June 20th – Winter Whiting the target species, but a detour via Snapper country could occur. Kev Ford, trip captain.

Trip Report – Maroon Dam

Maroon Dam Trip 13th 15th February

Well not much action on this club trip. But we did get to try out some different accommodation. Arriving at lake maroon Holiday Park on the Friday evening we found Ross already there, he had spent the afternoon by himself in the rain wondering whether anyone else was coming along. Neil and I did eventually turn up to put his mind at ease. But we were still short one. Chris Lund had turned up at camp Lakefire and the people there had even given him a key to the cabin. At about 7pm Neil went for a drive down the road and found him. We reminded Chris to read his trip sheets a little more thoroughly in future.

Accommodation was basic but comfortable. It was an old refrigeration shipping crate decked out to sleep 4. This was air-conditioned but this was not needed as the crates thick insulated walls kept the inside temperature quite cool. Just outside was the camp kitchen, this was ok with microwave, fridge and some dirty BBQs. But it worked out pretty cheap for the weekend.



Maroon Cabin?

Now on to the fishing, this was pretty ordinary. We all got into it very early on Saturday morning, hoping for some surface action. A few strikes on poppers but no hook ups. This is the first time I had fished this dam in a boat and I realized how small maroon dam actually is. I could zap from one corner to the next in a few minutes. In the canoe I had to take a packed lunch to travel the length of the dam.

The fish were deep as the water was clear, and had to use the sounder to find them. All the fish that came into the boat were trolled on the same lure, a purple 3 m golden child. All rat bass the biggest about 270mm. The fish were around the edges of the weed and I was able to use the side imaging to troll around the weed edges. There was no margin for error, if you were 2m off course you would pull up a mass of weed.



Chris Lund redclawing

Ski boats can be a bit hard to deal with on these dams. Most are ok but some have no respect for anyone else. On Sunday one went right in front of us as we were trolling which was the end of our fishing for the morning. On some of these dams' rules go out the window. The boat ramp for the holiday park was very ordinary. It could have done with a few loads of gravel would not go astray. It was very muddy when launching and retrieving and very slippery. I nearly went ass up on more than one occasion.

All up a good trip. Probably more negatives than positives. But I did learn a great deal about fishing this dam in a different way. Just have to increase the fish size now.

Jeff Maddalena

LAFMA Carp Eradication Competition

Held on Saturday, 255 (up 100 on last year) hopeful fisherpersons registered to fish for Carp and Tilapia, in order to raise money for stocking Wyaralong dam. The eradication part is probably a bit futile because of the numbers in there. They aren't going to go away. One fisherman from Boonah fishes the top of the dam a few times every week, has caught 1,700 Tilapia and 800 Carp in a year. The results for the day were 255 carp and 803 Tilapia, the biggest Carp, over 6kg and a Tilapia pushing 2kg. By these results, Tilapia seem to be in the ascendancy. Two anglers caught over 150 Tilapia, albeit 5 to 6cm between them. Most of the Tilapia seemed to be in this size range. A big trend this year was the number of

watercraft, in the region of 50, mostly kayaks. The 'yakking boom is certainly on the rise and some of the fit outs were pretty impressive.



The 2 biggest Carp



Dave Downie, entertaining the crowd



The lone kayaker



How much can you do to a kayak?

Thoughts for Tom

Tom Walbank has just returned home from Glenlyon, not in the best of health. After a couple of hours fishing, he had to come back to the ramp, with major swelling in his hands and legs. It must have been bad, for Tom to cut short a fishing session and trip. Problem as of this newsletter has not been identified, so our best wishes to Tom for a swift diagnosis and recovery.

An Ode by Owen – I apologise to Owen for not publishing this sooner. It got lost in my e-mails, but here it is, probably not with the style and notoriety of Burns or Byron, but with the talent of an old fisherman.

Ode to the Cod and Glenlyon Dam

By Owen Powell

To Glenlyon Dam SBSFC members went
To catch some fish was their intent
A welcome by Brian and Debbie was a delight
And a view of the dam whetted their appetite.

Fish on the sounder made them stare
As it disclosed fish in their snaggy lair
They knew then, you see
That the Cod their foe would surely be.

Between the trees the boat was guided
As over and around the snags the lure glided
But the guile of the cod they didn't match
As the lures only a few fish did snatch.

The stay and the comradeship was great
To all, thanks, "good on you mate"
To the Cod homage we pay
As they will be still there to catch another day.

Because of the stay and what they now know
They will return to cast a lure at the Cod "THE FOE"

Member Information

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

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