



MARCH NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting **Tuesday** 7th

7pm Beenligh Bowls Club

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Next Meeting

Back at the old venue, though one thing that I noticed is getting used to the larger area again and the difficulty of hearing what was going on. One suggestion to overcome it, is to bring the tables closer together. With the Tweed trip coming up, I have put together a presentation of the Bass fishing I and mates have had in the last 30 years in the upper rivers, including what launch sites (kayak, canoe) we have used, plus a short DVD on my last trip. I circulated a proposed list of potential speakers for club nights, and have had some suggestions back. We need to have some conversation on this.

Upcoming Club Trips

LAFMA Carp Comp, Wyalong Dam – March 18th

The LAFMA carp and tilapia removal day, to raise funds for stocking the dam. Lloyd is the contact as LAFMA secretary.

Tweed River Weekend – March 25, 26

The venue is the Hacienda/Homestead Caravan parks depending on cabins or camping options. You can fish the lower river or go up into the fresh tidal section for Bass. Neil McNeil is the captain. Don't forget a NSW licence is needed and lifejacket worn if fishing solo. Neil has sent out the trip sheet.

Southern Bay – April 22nd

Fishing the southern bay islands, Snapper, Flathead, Bream, possibly Tailor the target species. Weinam Creek boat ramp suggested launch place with Kev Ford the trip captain.

Logan River/Giants Grave area – May 14th

Again much the same species as above, a number of boat ramps pretty well the same distance away. Lloyd Willman trip captain.

Trip Reports

Borumba Dam – Feb 10th – 12th 2017

This year trip ended up being on probably the hottest weekend of the year, the new boat ramp at the dam was closed as the dam level had dropped to 73% and stage one of the ramps construction was only meant for it to be used when the dam is over 80%, the second stage will be completed this financial year but there is a temporary (4WD only) ramp that will remain open while the dam is over 70%.

Friday - Chris Eldred, Dean Rosolen & Darren Baker arrived at the Deer Park by lunch time Friday and headed straight out on to the dam going right up to the top of the dam working spinnerbaits in the trees. Dean managed to clip one of the many stumps that are just below the surface and bent the prop and shaft. They did however manage to land four Saratoga and one Golden perch for the afternoon. John Reid and I arrived around 1pm and made it on to the dam around 3.30, John headed up the dam working spinnerbaits around the trees without any luck. I worked the area just south of the ramp along the rock walls trolling a Jackal Chubby and managed to land two bass around 27cm.



Saturday - In the morning Chris, Darren & Dean headed back to the similar areas that they covered on Friday and landed one toga. John worked his way up to Borumba Creek without any luck. I worked the same area as Friday up to Borumba Creek and landed four small bass 15 to 24 cm trolling.



To avoid a repeat of Fridays stump collision Dean posted Chris to the front of the boat on stump watch, unfortunately by the time Chris spotted the stump in the morning glare it was too late and the boat stopped suddenly on the stump launching Chris into the water which would have been okay except Chris can't swim so Darren was despatched over the side to assist him back to the boat, a good reason to always wear a life jacket!!

Jeff Madelena arrived on Saturday morning and didn't have any luck other than finding a recently deceased good sized bass floating on the surface,

however he also managed to find a stump and put a dent in the bottom of the boat

We regrouped back at camp for lunch on Saturday mainly because it was just too bloody hot. The afternoon cooled off a little and we all ventured out again however without any success although Jeff continued with his wildlife studies finding a good sized carpet snake across road coming back into the park.

Although it was only a small group all had a good time over the Sat evening BBQ and drinks.

Sunday - John and I ventured out early in the morning and worked the area south of the boat ramp (mainly because we could stay in the shade). I changed tactic and spent the morning casting to the snags and managed four more bass 15 to 25cm, John tried everything without any luck. We were off the water by 7:30 to avoid the heat.

Overall a good trip but it would be great if they would put some air conditioning into the cabins, John Reid said that next year he is bringing his portable air conditioner, so I we can draw straws for who gets to go in his cabin.



Neil McNeil

Logan City Carp Tilapia Cup

This was the first community fishing event put on by the Logan Council to involve the community, especially juniors in a fishing event. One of the aims was to ascertain what feral fish are in the Logan area and to educate residents on the problem. The council asked LAFMA to help out Lloyd as the LAFMA secretary, enlisted a number of club members who are in LAFMA plus BVA and FFSAQ to help out on the day. It



was held at Demeio Park which is on Scrubby Creek which flows into the Logan River. There are number of large lagoons which were formed by sand extraction in past decades. About 60 residents fished and had a great time. No Carp landed (they are there apparently) but 200 Tilapia, all but one no bigger 10cm. The big one was a monster of 1.6kg. The great thing was a number of Spangled Perch caught as well, so natives are there. Great looking potential Bass water though.

Club Member's Tips

Still waiting for some!!!

For Sale - Lead Anchors (last offer)

With an oversupply of lead in the workshop, I've made some lead anchors. I have used one for years, handy to stop the boat drifting away on the ramp, pulling up to gather bait and just simply anchoring. Not made to replace standard anchors (legal models, you must have in boat with chain) but I think I have hardly used a normal anchor for years, except in fast running water. At the

moment 2 weights 4kg and 6kg **\$10 each**



For Sale - Jig Heads

Continuing with major clean out of my under house tackle collection, I have got together 8 packets (about 50 heads in each) of assorted surplus heads I have made.

\$10 per packet



Annual Membership Fees (Due by August Meeting every year)

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

