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# NEWSLETTER

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## **Next Meeting**

*THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 2<sup>ND</sup> of April 2007 at 7:30pm (even if it's a public holiday) at the Beenleigh Bowls Club, 11 Hanover Street, Beenleigh.* See access map further on in this Newsletter.



John Eldred with a nice Lenthall's Bass

## **Guest Speaker:**

*The April guest speaker will be Jeremy Arnold. Jeremy is the president of Brisbane Sports Fishing Club and will be giving a talk about fishing around Burrum Heads. So for all those keen fishers heading to Burrum Heads for our April club trip, this talk is a must.*

**Acknowledgement:** *This Newsletter was kindly copied by Kay Elson's office at no charge to the club. Special thanks to Neville Wright for his kind assistance*

**April trips:** *Two club trips this April. The first is a local trip to Hinze Dam on the 22<sup>nd</sup> chasing Bass and the occasional Saratoga. Dave Rawlins is trip captain for this one.*

*Contact Dave ph 5546 6588.*

*The away trip is to Burrum Heads from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. John Eldred has booked a house to stay in for the week. So give John a call on 3344 2605 to book your accommodation.*

*More details on these trips at the April club meeting.*

# ***GOLD COAST BROADWATER, 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY***

*By Jeff Maddalena*

Well the weathermen finally got it right for a change. It was a great day for fishing with a slight to moderate southeasterly breeze and a low tide at 9.00am.

Quite a few club members and guests fished at various locations around the Broadwater, ranging from Paradise Point to the Nerang River.

Dave Rawlins and Ray Bricknell were fishing the deep hole at the end of the Seaway's north wall. The swell was about two metres so Ray found the going a little tough. There were reports that Ray had to crawl around on his hands and knees in the rough conditions to avoid being tossed out of Dave's boat. Never the less they were catching some fish, managing one nice Sweetlip, an undersize Cod, lots of small Bream and some Tarwhine. After the Seaway they decided to head in to the sheltered waters of the Stadium where they caught about a dozen whiting. The Whiting were caught on the drift using live yabbies for bait.



Kevin Ford and his daughter Rachel also started fishing in the Seaway. Different tactics from the Fords as they were using soft plastics along the wall and being rewarded with some Bream, Snapper, and Sweetlip. Rachel was off to a good start going 3 up before Kevin started to come good. I'm sure that Kev is starting to get used to being out fished by Rach, and will boast that he taught her everything she knows. Then it was time to head for sheltered waters. A total of 14 fish for the day including 2 Bartail and 4 dusky Flathead.

My fishing trip was not as productive as some of the other club members. I was fishing with prospective member Mark Veivers, giving him a taste of stealthy canoe fishing. We launched from Budds Beach and headed off to fish the waterway around McIntosh Island. Armed with my favourite bream lure, a Daiwa Live Cicada, I made my first cast. As soon as the lure hit the water a hungry bream smashed it. This made me look very good in front of Mark.



A few jetties down we encountered our only set back of our fishing trip. One of the "friendly" Gold Coast locals thought he would make his own waterway rules up. He told us that fishing around jetties as we were doing was illegal and threatened to call the police. He then proceeded to take photos of us for evidence and tell us that he fed the fish around the jetties dog food and bread (I don't agree with this either as I think it's bad for the fish's teeth. Have seen some with really yellow Bream teeth before.) Mark later rang the DPI about this issue and we were totally within our rights to fish where we were.

Putting this incident behind us we found another school of Bream and proceeded to throw our lures at them. Mark was hit by a

using a Big Ant lure but the leader let go. I also had a hit but no hook up. Mark was relieved to find the lure he borrowed from me was floating on the surface, so we replace his leader with fresh 6lb line and continued on our way. The fish seemed to go off the bite from then on, however I did manage to catch my first whiting on a lure. It was not that big, probably about 8cm. The Whiting had managed to hook-up on just one barb of a #12 treble.

Craig Milne was fishing around the mouth of the Coomera River for Mangrove Jack. Bit of a quiet morning for Craig, the only action was a good hit from a Jack. The fight lasted about 10 seconds with the fish being the victor.

Geoff Daley and Eddie Latz were fishing around Wavebreak Island and were having a fair morning. They were using live yabbies for bait and had quite a mixed bag, including Flathead, Cod, Tarwhine, Whiting, Herring, a Flounder and a Javelin Fish.



After fishing it was time for lunch, and what better way than a BBQ. Club members met up to swap their stories from the morning and to fill their bellies. It was good to have lunch together and topped off a great day on the water.

## SOUTHERN BAY SNAPPER TRIP 4<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

*By Kevin Ford.*

JC, Andrew and I headed out the Redland Bar Boat ramp in convoy from Shailer Park. Seems we were the only ones crazy enough to be up early - again!!

I was the lead car, eager to be the first one to the ramp that morning, beating JC and Andrew there by about 5 seconds. I don't know why they were following me; I didn't know where I was going.



Glad to see this trip the boat ramp was still open, not like the last trip to the Broadwater. Nothing like the Boat ramp being closed to make you start to think at 5.30 in the morning.

We launched at 5.00am on the dot, and headed away from the boat ramp just before first light. Constantly amazes me that boats will sit in the channel in the dark with no lights, and even with boats approaching they don't switch anything on. A quick run up the bay in good conditions, saw us at Potts Point in about 15 minutes with about 5-6 boats already around in the area.

JC and Andrew moved into the shallows while I stayed out amongst the moorings. So then about 8 boats were spread out across the Pott's Point the area, most anchored, a few of us moving around slowly. The wind was very light and the tide had slowed so the drift was quite slow. I had the electric on at times to keep moving. JC and Andrew were moving on their electric most of the time.

About 20 minutes passed and I had a good hit and run by something heading SW at a rate of knots, the leader parted around the jighead after about 10 seconds. Not quite sure what it was,

but they will always take the lightest rigged line for some reason.

JC and Andrew had moved through and away from the shallows. They had managed to stay connected to a keeper Snapper and a Rock Cod not that long after arriving.

JC and Donny cruised in; they had taken the shorter run across from Vicki Point. They settled in to a pattern of fishing a spot and moving.

One boat anchored nearby in around 5 metres boated a couple of Snapper and a Big Toad fish, Well they didn't actually boat the Toad fish and I don't blame them. It was about 40cm long. Don't you love how sound travels over the water? The Skipper was catching Toadfish and his deckie was catching Snapper, probably the deckie's last fishing invitation.

All was still a bit quiet after an hour or so and everyone had started to move around and try different tactics and areas to try and crack the pattern and locate fish.

Conditions stayed really calm on the bay, the tide by 8.30am had started to run in again. The wind was a light SE, so the combination of wind again tide made drifting really slow.

We all worked similar areas at various times. But nothing really fired. I managed a small Snapper, tagged and released and had something take a rush at my plastic on one other occasion. Enough to keep me interested for another hour, but that was about all.

There were heaps of turtles but no birds working anywhere to be seen. Saw my first wild Dugong, a big sucker too but I reckon you would have to have been at sea a long time to imagine these things as mermaids!

Jeff and Mark were south of us and checked in with JC mid morning, they seemed to be keeping the vermin fed down in their area. They had caught Stingrays, Catfish and Chinaman Fish galore.

Not a lot of other activity was noted in the other boats around the area. Overall, a nice morning was had on the water, nothing too stressful. Most of us headed in around 11.00am.

## ***FLATHEAD STUDY***

*Remember back in 2004 when our club took part in a flathead survival study conducted by the Fisheries Research & Development Corporation (FRDC). Well the results are in.*

*The study was conducted in estuarine waters in Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales and Southern Queensland. The focus on the study was to gauge the effects of lure and bait fishing survival rates of flathead. This study has been compiled into an 87-page report. Scientists love graphs and this report is full of them. It also contains survival percentage rates and even autopsy photos.*

*This report has been sent through to club members via email and is also available on CD-rom from our club library.*

*For more reports on fish survival visit the Info-fish web site [Info-fish Releasefish Project](#)*



## **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

A man runs into the vet's office carrying his dog, screaming for help. The vet rushes him back to an examination room and has him put his dog down on the examination table.

The vet examines the still, limp body and after a few moments tells the man that his dog, regrettably, is dead. The man, clearly agitated and not willing to accept this, demands a second opinion.

The vet goes into the back room and comes out with a cat and puts the cat down next to the dog's body. The cat sniffs the body, walks from head to tail poking and sniffing the dog's body and finally looks at the vet and meows.

The vet looks at the man and says, "I'm sorry, but the cat thinks that your dog is dead too." The man is still unwilling to accept that his dog is dead.

The vet brings in a black Labrador. The lab sniffs the body, walks from head to tail, and finally looks at the vet and barks. The vet looks at the man and says, "I'm sorry, but the lab thinks your dog is dead too."

The man, finally resigned to the diagnosis, thanks the vet and asks how much he owes.

The vet answers, "\$650."

"\$650 to tell me my dog is dead!" exclaimed the man.

"Well," the vet replies, "I would only have charged you \$50 for my initial diagnosis. The additional \$600 was for the cat scan and lab tests."

## **2006/07 COMMITTEE**

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## **LIBRARY STUFF**

The club library has the following items available for borrowing by the members. They are available at our monthly club meetings. A \$20 deposit will be required please, just to make sure they come back at the next meeting.

- ET's Bass and Barra Fishing
- Gently Does it when releasing fish - booklet and DVD
- Gillies Introduction to Fly Fishing
- Squidgy Secrets - Part 1 Basics
- The Kayak Fishing Video (On DVD)
- Basic Bait Fishing (DVD)
- Queensland's Freshwater Fishing Impoundment Guide (NAFA / Tourism Queensland)
- Queensland's Offshore Fishing Guide (NAFA / Tourism Queensland)
- Evinrude Etec DVD
- Zed Lure field test series 2004 parts 1 to 4
- Fishing DVD volumes 1 and 2
- Flathead Study (cd-rom)

## **GEAR FOR SALE & WANTED**

**FOR SALE** – Seadoo Jetski 1999 GTX Ltd on trailer. Both reg May 2007. 3 Seater. Maroon & white. One lady owner since new. Just completed full engine rebuild @ 211 hours. Drive shaft rebuild @ 175 hours. Regularly serviced by dealer  
Excellent condition. \$6990  
Contact Jeff or Rachel Ph 3382 6540 or 0417 233 116

To place an ad, simply e-mail or give the ad contents to your Editor.  
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## **SPECIAL DEALS**

### **Troy Park, Mobile Outboard Mechanic**

*Ph: 0407 198 728 – offers a discount to club members, and has been found to be of good value.*

### **Marine Welding**

Members should note that Jason Small of J & T Marine Welding is a brilliant aluminium and stainless steel welder, located near the Gem Hotel, and is prepared to do small jobs like repairing small leaks and cracks in tinnie hulls. He is a really straight shooter, and his charges are embarrassingly low, based on one member's experience (two jobs). Phone Jason on 3807 8746 if you need his help.

### **R.T.L. Trailers – 3287 4241**

*Mark builds trailers and repairs them very economically – a good tradesman too.*

*79 Boundary Street, Beenleigh*

### **Des Hughes Marine Services**

A few club members use and recommend Des. His marine repairs are inexpensive and very good. So if you have a problem with your boats give Des a call!

*Des Hughes Marine Service  
192 North Road  
Woodridge  
(Next to BP Garage)*

*Ph: 3208 3349  
Mob: 0409 274 136*

### **Club Logos for Shirts and Stickers for Boats**

*Just a reminder - for \$10.00 you can have the SBSFC logo embroidered onto your own shirt. Bring your dress shirt / polo shirt or fishing shirt to the meeting with \$10.00 and it will be back at the following meeting. The \$10.00 fee includes a \$1.00 levy that will go towards reimbursing the club for the \$75.00 set up cost.*

*Tom Wallbank has had a number of large and small boat stickers printed, and these are available for sale at every meeting.  
COST- Small \$1; Large \$5*

### **USEFUL NUMBERS & WEB SITES:**

**SE Qld Boating Weather 1300 360 428**

**Qld Marine Warnings 1300 360 427**

**Fish watch Hotline 1800 017 116**

**Bureau of meteorology**

<http://www.bom.gov.au/index.shtml>

**Sweetwater fishing**

<http://sweetwaterfishing.com.au/>

**Crab pot Theft Hotline 1800 017 116**

**Bonzer imports <http://www.bonzerimports.com/>**

**Brownies coast watch**

<http://www.browniescoastwatch.com/>

**SEQ kayak fishing**

<http://members.optusnet.com.au/aus-kayak-fishing/>

**Southern Brisbane Sportsfishing Club**

<http://www.sbsfc.org/>

## ***NEW MEMBERS***

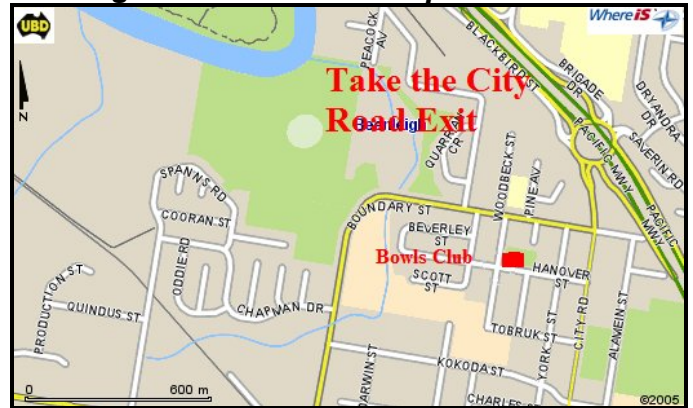
Prospective Members reading this Newsletter will be made very welcome at any Club meeting – so please come along and check us out at our next meeting on the first Monday of the month at 7:15pm.

**NOTE: - *The Bowls Club has a Bar.***

**Please remember the gear swap table at the meeting – bring your swaps or items for sale. This can be a great club facility if we all use it.**

**Single membership - \$58.00 p.a.**  
**Family Membership - \$78.00 p.a.**  
**Student (over 16) - \$20.00 p.a.**  
**Child (under 16) no parent in club- \$20.00**  
**Child (under 16) parent in club- \$10.00**

### **Meeting Room Location Map:**



# CATCH OF THE MONTH

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Beenleigh Bait & Tackle are open 7 days early til late. Bill & Sue have an extensive range of fishing tackle, will take care of your rod and reel repairs and of course have live – fresh & frozen bait.

Don't forget to show your SBSFC membership card to receive 10% off all tackle at Beenleigh Bait & Tackle.



New member Mark Veivers caught this 4ft bull shark on a handline near the Logan River mouth.

Just email your photos to [jmaddalena@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jmaddalena@optusnet.com.au) and your prized catch will appear in the newsletter.



## TRIPS CALENDAR 2007

| <b>Month</b>     | <b>Dates</b>                           | <b>Species</b>                            | <b>Water Body</b>                         | <b>Nearest Town</b>        |
|------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>March</b>     | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>                  | <b>Snapper</b>                            | <b>Southern Moreton Bay</b>               | <b>Redland Bay Ramp</b>    |
| <b>April</b>     | <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>                 | <b>Bass</b>                               | <b>Hinze Dam</b>                          | <b>Advancetown</b>         |
|                  | <b>21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Mangrove Jack, Reef &amp; Pelagics</b> | <b>Burrum Heads</b>                       | <b>Burrum Heads</b>        |
| <b>May</b>       | <b>20<sup>th</sup></b>                 | <b>Bream, Flathead, Mulloway</b>          | <b>Jumpinpin</b>                          | <b>Horizon Shores Ramp</b> |
| <b>June</b>      | <b>9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Bass</b>                               | <b>Somerset Dam</b>                       | <b>Kirkleigh</b>           |
|                  | <b>11<sup>th</sup></b>                 | <b>Snapper</b>                            | <b>Peel Island</b>                        | <b>Raby Bay Ramp</b>       |
| <b>July</b>      | <b>15<sup>th</sup></b>                 | <b>Bream</b>                              | <b>Southport Broadwater, Nerang River</b> | <b>Jubilee Bridge Ramp</b> |
| <b>August</b>    | <b>TBA</b>                             | <b>Mulloway</b>                           | <b>Jumpinpin</b>                          | <b>Horizon Shores Ramp</b> |
|                  | <b>11<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Tailor, Dart &amp; Mulloway</b>        | <b>Fraser Island</b>                      | <b>Poyungan Rocks</b>      |
|                  | <b>25<sup>th</sup></b>                 | <b>Bass</b>                               | <b>Moogera Dam</b>                        | <b>Kalbar</b>              |
| <b>September</b> | <b>8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Bass</b>                               | <b>Boondoomba Dam</b>                     | <b>Proston</b>             |
|                  | <b>25<sup>th</sup></b>                 | <b>Bream, Flathead</b>                    | <b>Jumpinpin</b>                          | <b>Horizon Shores Ramp</b> |
| <b>October</b>   | <b>13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Bream, Flathead</b>                    | <b>Tweed River</b>                        | <b>Chinderah</b>           |
| <b>November</b>  | <b>17-25<sup>th</sup></b>              | <b>Bass, Barra</b>                        | <b>Lake Monduran</b>                      | <b>Gin Gin</b>             |
|                  | <b>24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Bass, Barra</b>                        | <b>Lenthall's Dam</b>                     | <b>Marybrough</b>          |
| <b>December</b>  | <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>                  | <b>Flathead, Jack</b>                     | <b>Coomera River</b>                      | <b>Jabiru Island Ramp</b>  |