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NEWSLETTER

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- Borumba Dam

APRIL, 2009



John Eldred with his 70cm Borumba
Saratoga.

**Tech Tip- Big fish on light
gear**

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 6th of April 2009 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.

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GUEST SPEAKERS- April will be another Beacon-to-Beacon night, hosted by Ray Bricknell. This night will share some of our members' favourite fishing spots. So bring along your Beacon-to-Beacon and a marking pen.

APRIL TRIPS- Three club trips are planned for April. The first is on the 4th and 5th at Coochin Creek. This creek is halfway between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast and can be very productive. John Cumberland is trip captain.

The second is the Nerang River trip. This will be targeting Bream and the occasional Mangrove Jack. Kevin Ford is trip captain but the start date is yet to be scheduled.

Trip number three is the Hinze Dam trip on the 26th of April. This is an electric motor only dam. Trip sheets will be available at the next meeting. Jeff Maddalena is trip captain ph 0401490151.

BORUMBA DAM TRIP

20th / 22nd February By Jeff Maddalena

Since joining our fishing club there is one trip that I always look forward to, The Borumba trip. This year's trip was missing a few regulars but was still well attended, with a few new members coming along.

The members that were able to travel up on Friday were able to get out for a good fish before the storm on Friday afternoon. John Eldred managed to boat a 70cm Toga (on the cover) using a spinnerbait. There were a few other Togas and a Silver Perch caught before the heavens opened up.

With the amount of rain on Friday afternoon and night, Yabba creek was raging on Saturday morning. This made it difficult for some members to get across the last bridge to Borumba Dam. JC and Neil McNeil showed that Holden Commodores are really made for Australian conditions and they were first across the creek. I arrived at the bridge and found that a lot of cars were stopped and waiting for the water level to retreat. After walking it, I found that the water level was knee height and was safe to cross. So the Landrover made it across

with no problems and John Eldred followed in his Hilux.



Borumba sees so much rain, the wet weather didn't affect the fishing at all. I travelled to the Yabba creek arm and I was planning to work the shallow edges with surface lures. I found that the shallows were thick with weed and were unable to be fished. So I headed for the deeper water to throw surface lures around the timbers. It wasn't long before I had my first hit. A huge splash and my rod loaded up. Missed it! I waited about a minute and cast to the same spot. The lure was taken again, this time I was on. The fish jumped and I estimate it was 70 + cm. It was all going well with the usual Saratoga fight, when on the fourth jump the lure was thrown. I was very disappointed, as the fish was tiring and probably only had one more jump left in it. Oh well, I know where it lives so we can catch up next time.

Brad Baldwin arrived on Saturday and managed to show us what he is made of, landing a 75 cm Toga. The fish in this dam keep getting bigger every year. I did hear a story from a bloke at the boat ramp of a Toga that measured one metre long.

Back to the Deer park for some lunch and to upgrade some bent trebles. Yabba creek was still raging and it was a shock to see some of the campers in the park wandering down to the creek for a swim.



Sunday and everyone was up early. It was a bit quiet but still a couple of Toga were caught and a few were missed. I managed a 42cm Golden Perch on the same handmade lure. I was pretty happy for the weekend.



"What the" New member Bruce Gregory with his first Saratoga

After a bite to eat and a nap it was time to hit the water again. Even with the noise from the ski boats the fish were still active. There were a lot of smaller fish caught this year. I caught two Togas that measured around 40cm on one of my homemade lures. The first one I caught took about 20 casts and three lure changes before I hooked up. These fish are either really hungry or really stupid. Saturday night saw the usual BBQ and JC and Neil had a good feed of Red claw for an entrée.

This was the most productive of any of the previous club trips to Borumba. Every one managed to land or hook up with a Toga, one Silver Perch and One Golden Perch. No one even looked like catching a Bass; maybe they were after a free ride down stream to the Mary River.

See you all there next year for a monster hunt.

SOUTHERN MORETON ISLANDS

22/02/09 By Mark Veivers

I watched the weather on Saturday being 10 to 15 knots picking up 15 to 20 knots mid morning for Sunday. I thought great but the weather can be wrong most of the time.

I was at the Redland Bay boat ramp early Sunday morning when I met Kevin Ford and Julian about 4.15am. We both departed, he was heading off to South West Rocks at Peel Island to put some crab pots in while I headed straight to Potts Point on the tip of Macleay Island. I was the only boat there when the sun came up, it was like glass, it was magic.

The water was boiling with baitfish I was in about 9ft of water when I started to cast my soft plastic lure into the boil then bang; I was on a good size snapper. He was giving me a good run, I turned him around then in the scoop he went into the boat. I looked at it and thought, "This isn't a snapper but a 53 cm Morwong but still a nice fish". Then Ron Clark and Rob Heaton arrived. They just anchored a bit out, then Bob Hartley arrived with Ray Bricknell, they also anchored up then Eddie Latz and Geoff Daley also arrived and then more boats arrived "this must be the only place to fish in Moreton Bay" I thought.



Then the wind started to pick up so I then headed for the Saltworks on the bottom part of

Macleay Island. I got nothing with the wind blowing a gale and some rain coming. I got a phone call from Kevin Ford saying he was going in. I thought that was a good idea and rang Eddie Latz and Bob Hartley to say that we were going in. I headed off to Redland Bay through the W/S Beacons. Straight ahead there was rough water, it was like crossing the Jumpinpin Bar. I got to the ramp a bit wet. Eddie Latz, Geoff Daley, Kevin and Julian were at the ramp as well. They had a look at the Morwong and Geoff said it was a Mother In Law fish then a Slaty Bream. God how many names did this fish have!! Then Kevin said it was a Morwong (PLECTORHYNCHUS PICTUS). It was settled then. Seeing it was windy and showering we decided against the BBQ even though I forgot the BBQ utensils. All up - Eddie and Geoff got some small squire throwbacks, Kevin and Julian got one sand crab and throwback squire, Bob and Ray got one flounder. Ron and Rob fished to 4.00 in the afternoon (they must be fish a-holics) scoring one 45cm snapper, a legal size tailor and bream around the Powerlines down near Russel Island. It was a good day cut short due to the weather with a mixed bag of fish. I hope the weather will be kind to us on the next trip.

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Tech Tip- Big fish on light gear

This is certainly an exciting way to fish, and it can prove to be a little expensive, but it doesn't always have to end in tears.

The appeal of fishing light is really about attracting more strikes from fish and sometimes this can lead to connecting to something you weren't expecting to encounter.

Here are a few pointers to keep in mind when fishing light gear and you hook onto something maybe unexpected.

1/ Smooth drag.

A smooth drag is one where the effort to pull line from the reel is almost the same as when the spool is turning and as the drag starts to generate heat.

2/ Adjusting the drag.

You need to back the drag off as the diameter of line on the spool reduces. As the effective diameter of the spool decreases the drag is increasing proportionally. The amount of line in the water is also adding to the total amount of drag at the fish's end. As the fish nears the boat and the amount of shock absorption is being reduced the drag also needs to be lowered.

3/ Low rod angles.

You really want to avoid high sticking with a light rod under a lot of load. By keeping the rod lower and pointing more directly at the fish, you can maintain some power in the butt of the rod where it is thickest. The top section of the rod will layoff and follow the line, but some leverage can be maintained in the butt section.

Try to maintain some working curve in the rod though to ease the stresses from the line as the fish kicks.

4/ Maintain good line condition.

The age of the line, particularly Mono or Fluorocarbon lines can be a factor. Mono lines exposed to UV light will break down over time. Just as light lines can weaken if they are stretched too much. You also need to ensure all knots are well tied and leaders and main lines are free from nicks, kinks and abrasions.

5/ Using boat angles to reduce the amount of pull on the fish.

Ideally you want to position the boat alongside the fish to avoid a direct Tug-of-War. This can be motoring parallel to the direction, as the fish is

running and gradually bringing the fish closer to the boat by using the angle.

6/ Motoring up current to lift a fish from the bottom.

This uses the current to swim and lift the fish as opposed to trying the pull the weight of the fish from the bottom.

7/ Leading or free spooling.

Often a fish can be lead away from structure by gentle pressure rather than trying to lock up on the fish and reefing them away. Gentle pressure, and the fish doesn't quite know that it is hooked and can be guided to a clear area where the fish can then be played. Free spooling is the same, if the fish is swimming to open water you can let them go and follow, similar as guiding them away from structure.

Sometimes though everything can happen very quickly and the odds are just too much in favour of the fish. If they get angle on you and are heading for cover then in reality there isn't going to be too much you can do the stop them from bricking you.

Enjoy it for what it is.

If you have a Question, or would like some information on a specific topic, please let us know and we can do a Tech Tip article on it for you. Email us at question@lureworld.com.au

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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.

Mark Veivers 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

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
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- Squidgy Secrets - Part 1 Basics
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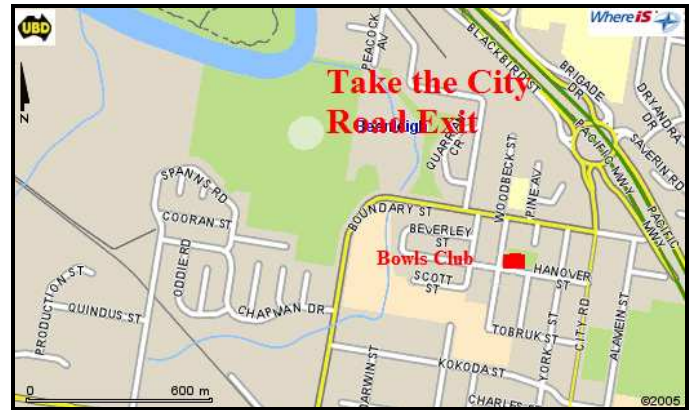
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NEW MEMBERS

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.
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2009 SBSFC TRIPS CALENDAR

HOME TRIPS

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	Pimpama River	25th	Mangrove Jack / Flathead			Craig Milne
February	Southern Moreton bay islands	22nd	Snapper			Mark Veivers
April	Mid Nerang	TBA	Bream / Mangrove Jack			Kevin Ford
April	Hinze	26th	Bass			Jeff Maddalena
May	Brisbane River / Mud Island	3rd	Snapper			Dave Dennis
June	Peel Island	21st	Snapper			John Cumberland
July	Jumpinpin / Marks Rocks (special)	1st - 3rd	Jew			Tom Wallbank
August	Tipplers	16th	Flathead			Dave Dennis
September	Albert River	13th	Bass			Lloyd Willmann
October	Logan River	4th	Jew	Beenleigh		Lloyd Willmann
November	Jabiru Island	1st	Mangrove Jack / Flathead / Cod			Jeff Maddalena
December	Xmas Party					

AWAY TRIPS

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	N / A					
February	Borumba Dam	20th-22nd	Saratoga / Bass	Imbil	Borumba Deer Park 07 5484 5196	John Eldred
March	Upper Albert & Logan	21st- 22nd	Bass / Cod	Kerry	Camping	Lloyd Willmann
April	Coochin Creek	4th - 5th				
May	Maroon Dam	9th - 10th	Bass	Boonah	Camp Lakefire	
June	Richmond River	6th - 7th		Ballina		
July	Pumicestone Passage	4th - 6th	Snapper	Donnybrook		Neil McNeil
August						
September	Tweed River / Chinderah	18th - 20th				John Cumberland
October	Glen Lyon	10 th - 18 th	Cod	Stanthorpe		
November	Monduran	18th	Barramundi	Gin Gin		Ross Williamson