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Newsletter

August, 2005

Next Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 1 August, 2005 (even if it's a public holiday) at the Neighbourhood Centre, Mansfield Walk, Beenleigh (between the roundabout and Crete St).

The venue can be accessed for off street parking via Kent Street (behind the Police station), or via James Street, just up from the Court House. Otherwise, park in James Street and walk behind the Gold Coast City Council branch office. See access map further on in Newsletter.

NOTE:- We have a Bar. Please remember the new gear swap table at the meeting – bring your swaps or items for sale.

MEMBERSHIP FEES- No increase in fees this year!

All non-financial members are expected to renew for 2005/6 at the August meeting please. This is the AGM.

Single membership is \$55.00 p.a. - Family Membership is \$75.00 p.a. (Subject to review by ANSA for 2005/6 year)

Guest Speaker:

Lloyd Willmann has an interesting presentation lined up for this meeting, supported by a DVD and Data Projector (courtesy of Neal McNeil) – Don't miss it!

Acknowledgement: This Newsletter was kindly copied by Kay Elson's office at no charge to the club.

August Trips: (1) The DPI Fisheries Flathead Released Fish Survival Project for the Jumpinpin/Broadwater area that was to be held in conjunction with the ANSA Q Fishtag 2005 project over the weekend 23/24 July will now be held over the weekend of **August 20/21**. We will discuss details of this at the August meeting.

(2) **26/27 August:** Bjelke-Petersen Dam trip as scheduled on Trip Sheet – to be confirmed at the August meeting, in light of the re-scheduled Flathead Released Survival Project on the weekend before this.



A happy President is a good President – Lloyd's Mac Tuna from a week or two back. Well done Mate!

Papal Blessing – News Item

On a tour of Australia, the Pope took a few days off to visit the coast for some sightseeing. He was cruising along the beach in the Pope-mobile when there was a frantic commotion just off shore. A helpless man, wearing a NSW jersey, was struggling frantically to free himself from the jaws of a 25 foot shark.

As the Pope watched in horror, a speedboat pulled up with three men wearing QLD jerseys. One quickly fired a harpoon into the shark's side, while the other two reached out and pulled the semi-conscious NSW supporter from the water. Then, using long clubs, the three beat the shark to death and hauled it into the boat.

Immediately the Pope shouted and summoned them to him. "I give you my blessing for your brave actions. I heard that there were some bitter hatred between NSW and QLD league fans, but now I have seen with my own eyes that this is not true."

As the Pope drove off, the harpooner asked his buddies: "Who was that?" "It was the Pope," one replied. "He is in direct contact with God, and has access to all of God's wisdom."

"Well" the harpooner said, "He may have access to God and his wisdom, but he knows jack shit about

shark fishing. Is the bait holding up, or do we need to get another one?"

FUTURE TRIPS WARNINGS!

24/25 September

From JC :

People should book a site at the Homestead Caravan Park, Chinderah, for the September 24/25 Tweed Trip ASAP, as this weekend is the last of the QLD & the first weekend of the NSW school holidays. There are powered & un-powered camp sites beside the river & boat ramp Rates are \$31 powered & \$27 un-powered per night. JC has booked powered site number 2 for the trip. Ross has booked number 3. Just let them know you are with the club and would like sites near ours.

Homestead Caravan Park Phone: 02 6674 1824
Email holiday@homesteadcp.com.au

24 November till 2 December

From Ray:

The week long trip to Lake Monduran staying at the Lake Monduran Caravan Park needs to be booked ASAP. Ray and Ross have booked a cabin each. Each cabin sleeps 4 comfortably. Don't leave it till the last minute, as this spot is becoming increasingly popular. Note that bookings are from Friday to Friday. The Barramundi fishing is great here. Ross and his brother Ian are looking forward to catching their first Barra!

Lake Monduran Caravan Park Phone: (07) 4157 3881 – Only answered between 10 am and about 4 pm – after lunch seems best. Fax: (07) 4157 3882. Booking deposit is 50% - Full refund available if cancellation is in writing 30 or more days before check in date. Can pay by credit card.

Trip Report: Fishtag 2005 Weekend

Eight members participated in this trip, although only 5 or 6 actually tagged fish – the others (Craig Milne and Ian Greenway) just enjoyed themselves!

Tom Wallbank took his Cuddles out as Mother Ship for Lloyd and JC, and they lived (and drank) in style on Friday night. Saturday morning was somewhat less pleasant for them than for the rest of us. Friday afternoon saw seven Bream 210 to 260mm tagged by Tom, and another six smaller Bream released. These were caught off Crusoe Island.

Lloyd Willmann and John Cumberland fished in Lloyd's boat, and caught and tagged a few Flathead in the area close to the Jacob's Well boat ramp on Saturday – 350mm, 370mm and 520mm. One 610 mm was not tagged because it finished up on JC's dinner table! A total of 9 Bream and Flathead were tagged, and another 7 small Flathead released. These guys were using soft plastics, as usual.

On Saturday Lloyd had a good battle with an Estuary Cod for quite a while, but the fish eventually swam him under a snag – of course – and lived to bust off another fisher on another day.

This group tagged another three Flathead on Sunday, and released one other too small to tag. Among those tagged Sunday was a 520mm Flathead caught by John Cumberland.

'Reefa' Rawlins (ever seen him strike at a fish?) and Ray Bricknell fished together in Reefa's boat. On Saturday they tagged and released 25 fish, several species, but mostly Bream. Sadly, all but a couple were under-sized. About another 15 small fish were released untagged. This group was fishing around the Tiger Mullet Channel and other areas fairly close to the Pin – where the boat traffic was like Pitt Street Sydney.

On Sunday morning Ross Williamson joined Reefa and Ray, and a further 20 odd assorted species –

including a few Fingermark Bream – were tagged, again mostly under-sized.

David Rawlins hooked and lost an Estuary Cod in the same place where he caught his Fingermarks. David out fished Ross and Ray about five fish to one all weekend – he really has the magic touch!

Of course, this group fished with live Yabbies – free for the taking around that area. Their catch included a few Flathead, but none over about 400mm. Soft plastics definitely appear better at tempting larger Flathead, but 'real' bait caught more fish, as usual. However, the jury is definitely still out on the 'Urban Myths' Vs real bait contest.

Brickers used a couple of his 'signature' 50 cent Banana Prawns, one of which hooked a good sized (about 400mm) fish which none of us could identify. We got a good look at it close to the boat – seemed to be a cross between a Bream and a Mangrove Jack, with vertical stripes like those found on a Luderick. Any suggestions as to what it was? The pickers made a feast of one other Banana Prawn, so the other eight were kept and eaten as an Entrée on Sunday night.

All in all, the SBSFC acquitted itself well in contributing quite a reasonable number of tagged fish, all properly recorded, to the Fishtag 2005 project. Let's hope the survival rate was high.

SPECIAL DEALS

If any member comes across any special deals on goods or services which you think might be of interest to other members, please let your Editor know, and I'll include them in the Newsletter. Even good sales will do, if they extend across the last week of the month.

GEAR FOR SALE & WANTED

As a service to members, future editions of the Newsletter will contain a small section of For Sale & Wanted Ads. Only paid up members may use this facility. Ads should generally be restricted to fishing and boating related gear – but no value limits apply.

To place an ad, simply e-mail or give the ad contents to your Editor. raybrick@bigpond.net.au

Club Logos for Shirts and Stickers for Boats

At the July Southern Brisbane SFC meeting, it was decided that Lloyd Willmann would look into pricing the set up and cost of getting the club logo embroidered onto members' own fishing/dress shirts. To save another month, the Committee has decided to go with Runsmart marketing at Loganholme, and is prepared to have the club bear the 'set up' cost of \$75.00.

For \$6.00 you can have the SBSFC logo embroidered onto your own shirt. Bring your dress shirt / polo shirt or fishing shirt to the meeting with \$6.00 and it will be back at the following meeting. The \$6.00 fee includes a \$1.00 levy that will go towards reimbursing the club for the \$75.00 set up cost. We will also discuss at the August meeting whether or not we should aim for a particular colour for 'dress shirts', etc.

John Cumberland is also getting large and small boat stickers printed.

Please note:- Do not supply a shirt that already has anything printed on it that would connect the Fishing Club with something that is unsavory e.g. "We hate Pigs" across the back of the shirt.

Meeting Room Location Map:



News from Other Clubs & Newsletters

Aussies 'Sharkfinning' for NT Black Market

Source: 11 July 2005

http://townsvillebulletin.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,7034,15887444%5E421,00.html

A former deck hand who blew the whistle on illegal shark finning by commercial fishermen in the Northern Territory says he has received death threats.

The Darwin man, who did not want to be identified and who has gone into hiding, said he received an anonymous phone call an hour after speaking to the Northern Territory News. He said he was told by an unidentified caller: "Keep your

mouth shut or you'll end up as croc bait."

Later that night, as he walked to catch a taxi in Darwin city, a man bumped into him and said: "Give it up, you have been told what will happen."

The disgruntled deckie spoke out after reading reports about Indonesians plundering northern Australia's waters for shark fins.

Further investigations by the Northern Territory News has revealed an organised shark finning network involving commercial fishermen and agents in Darwin who supply the black market in Asia.

"Don't worry about the Indonesians - it's happening right here in the Territory," the man said.

"It's a bit like the pot calling the kettle black to complain about the Indonesians."

Fins can be sold for as much as \$600/kg on the black market. The man said he witnessed the sister boat's skipper cut the fins off up to a dozen sharks, and that he also saw two large tiger shark fins about 70cm in diameter in his boat's freezer.

"When I asked my skipper what he was going to do with them, he said he was taking them back to Darwin to sell on the black market," the man said. "It wasn't just our boat that was shark finning illegally," he said. "I knew of at least two others doing it in the bay we were fishing."

OUTGOING COMMITTEE

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A new committee will be elected at the 1 August 2005 AGM.

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Qld Marine Warnings 1300 360 427

Fishwatch Hotline 1800 017 116

Crabpot Theft Hotline 1800 017 116