



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting Monday 5th December

7pm Beenligh Bowls Club

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Next Meeting - A low profile social get together, no speakers, only a DVD that I have put together on the recent Bass tagging weekend at Kerry on the Albert River (see trip report) A few laughs.

Christmas get together 10th December

Don't forget, our end of year social ,6pm Brad's place, 26 Myra St, Kingston. BYO drinks and meat for barby. Soft drinks and salads supplied by club. All the details have been e mailed to everybody by John Eldred, so please RSVP to the email.

Glenlyon Trip Report by Kevin and Tom (aka The A Team)

We left Brisbane earlier than expected keen for a good session on Saturday afternoon. We caught up to Lloyd and Mal on the road at Yamanto and followed them for most of the way, till Mal's wine stop at Stanthorpe. We refuelled the car at Stanthorpe and once again caught up the Mal and Lloyd stopped on the side of the road around half way to the Dam. We pulled over to see what was happening and Mal was out picking flowers from the side of the road, for our host for the week - Debbie.

We left Mal to it, and then the first idea for the week. "As we're now back in front of Mal and Lloyd on the road, we should grab a bunch of flowers as well, and give them to Debbie just to Gazump Mal. So a quick pit stop to grab a few handfuls and get going again, Tom did the arrangement on the way to the dam. We did present the flowers to Debbie and the token was much appreciated, although she didn't have the heart to tell Mal when he arrived 10 minutes after us. But if he reads this he will now know of our darstady plan. An excellent run saw us arriving at Glenlyon around 11.30am Saturday and as we crossed the Grid at the entrance to the Tourist Park, I welcomed Tom to Glenlyon. We were really looking forward to the trip, and we commented on what we'd be thinking in 6 days' time as we were departing. The 2 options we



had were either we'll be back again or it's another Club trip which didn't produce. A quick unload and lunch saw us on the water around 1.30pm. A late change to our Plan A saw us trolling our first point and on the first run I boated a 70cm Cod at 2.15pm. Both Tom and I were wrapped, I'd suggest I was more wrapped than Tom but it was good to get the first Cod to the boat in such a short time. A few Golden's and another 34cm Cod tagged and released saw us finish our 1st session very happy.

Day 2 Sunday Morning - A new plan, a different area. This saw Tom land a 71cm Cod after about 15 minutes trolling and on the first cross of a point. How good is this! We were both giggling like a couple of kids at the sight of another good Cod in a short time. We finished the morning session dropping a legal Cod at the net and then very shortly after boating another 70cm, I was bagged out, and wrapped.

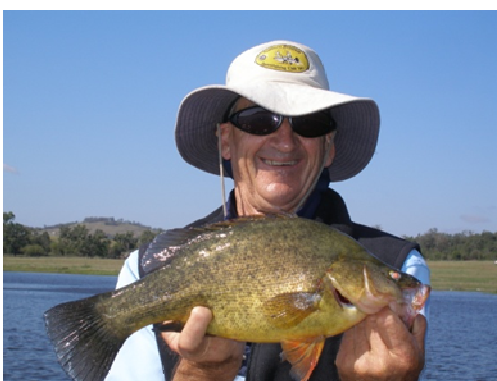


Day 2 Sunday Afternoon - Once again a new point and again 15 minutes saw another 65cm Cod in the boat, tagged and released. How good is this! Later that evening we trolled the caves area and we boated another 68cm fish and a few Golden's as the light faded out. Day 2 was a ripper, we had boated 4x legal Cod for the day, and had dropped another at the side of the boat just before the net.

Day 3 Monday Morning - We decided to bait fish one of Tom's "Secret Trees" early with Lloyd and Mal. A couple of small yella's and Tom lost a fish around the branches. We all decided to split for the morning as it just wasn't happening. Lloyd and Mal left, Tom and I decided to fish one of Tom's spots which had produced for him last time he was at the dam. Again on the first Pass I pull a 65cm Cod Tagged and Released, and 10 metres on Tom has his turn at dropping a Cod at the side of the boat.

Day 3 Monday Afternoon; Sees more trolling and sees us again at the caves for the last light of the day and we pull 2 small cod 30 and 33cm tagged and released. Little did we know what was in store for us tomorrow.

Day 4 Tuesday; The weather is getting warmer and warmer, and very little breeze, the cloud cover has all but disappeared, along with our Cod captures. We're still pulling Golden's on the troll but we're chasing Cod. A regroup in the afternoon sees us in the bays casting Spinnerbaits trying to find where the Cod have gone. Tom saves the day with 2x small cod at the caves trolling in the evening. A 32.5cm and a 36.5cm. I go Codless for the day, and am starting to struggle after being on fire for the 1st 3 days of the trip. Little did we know that it wasn't going to get any better!



Day 5 Wednesday - We decide we've got to go looking for the big Cod. So we spend a lot of time on the water and Tom's pulling Golden's on his Laurie's Lures regularly. I'm chasing Cod with no luck in finding them. Early afternoon we troll a little wider on a corner over deeper water and structure and I get smashed by something hard. I'm thinking only Cod when a 48.5cm Golden comes into the net. I'm shattered it's not a Cod, Tom's shattered because he is chasing his ANSA 1.5x time legal Golden and came up 1 cm short yesterday. All the spots we had success with Cod, have only produced

1x Cod each and we aren't finding more in the same spots on subsequent visits. It's hot in the sun, no breeze, Glassed out conditions on the dam again this afternoon and we're fishing hard.

Day 6 Thursday - Same plan- Chase big Cod. We start trolling big lures deep on the main points of the dam, results in No Cod, 1x broken rod trying to retrieve a lure with the big tackleback. The days not started very well. We hit a few of my spots again, they're very fishy but only producing Golden's, 1st pass and Tom's on and it's got him in a snag. We try unwinding the boat around the snag and dropping the tackle back down but no good, fish is lost. 30 minutes later more exploring and 3rd pass over another spot and Tom's hit near a tree, once again into the snag and fish lost. Both possibly Cod. The days still not going very well! Tom could have easily bagged out on Golden's today alone, so we're hunting Cod and throwing Golden's back. No Cod on Day 6.

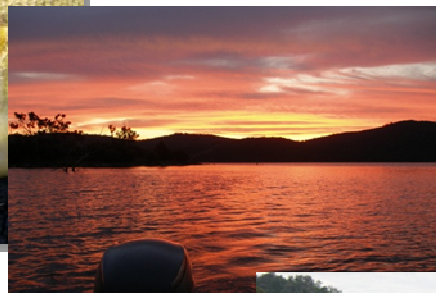
Summary – Kevin, 5x legal Cod, 2x kept, 3x Tagged and Released. 2x undersize Cod both Tagged and Released. Biggest Golden 48.5cm.

Tom, 1x legal 71cm Cod kept, 3x undersize Cod Tagged and Released. Biggest Golden 44cm and about a Million others boated.

Maybe the weather for the last 3 days was a bit too good, the cod seemed to go off for us as it got hotter, but the Golden's were certainly coming on. As we drove back out the Tourist Park gate, both pretty well worn out after 6 days of fishing hard and no lay days because of weather. We both agreed it had been a great trip for us. We maybe peaked too early but we'd definitely be back again. If only all trips were as good as this one. "Bring On Glenlyon 2012"

Kevin Ford

More Glenlyon Pics



What's this? Baitfishing!!!!

The club headed to Glenlyon Dam in early November for 6 days with the aim of catching that elusive big Murray Cod. A total of 8 brave souls stayed in the 3 cabins booked overlooking the dam and the dirt boat ramps. There were many other souls at the dam and the fishing noises began from 4am as hearty anglers ventured out as the sun barely rose over the surrounding hills. The fishing continued till around dusk although some stayed out till a little after dusk. Brian Dare visited us a couple of nights for a chat and a beer and mentioned that night fishing for 1-2 hours worked on the nights leading into the full moon

Ian and I avoided the super early mornings and ventured onto the water at around 7am every day. We then fished till around 10 am, got ice and then ventured back on the water till late in the afternoon.

This was our pattern for the entire week except for Monday when we went into Stanthorpe for parts to fix the trailer under my new boat which had one set of the wheel nuts come loose as we approached Glenlyon. I blame the cattle grids and rail crossings on the way down for loosening them. Of course being in town we had to go to the tackle shop and get a couple of gun local lures.

Our shrimp pots caught around 20 little critters every day and one small red claw for the week. These were used to some effect to catch yellow belly hanging around the structure.

We finished the week with one legal cod and six yellowbelly with many undersized ones released. Ian also caught a nice eel tailed catfish and silver perch he released. The new to me boat performed well and was christened "son of black magic" and a few other names as we cruised around. It proved an ideal platform on the dam and easily cut through the less than 2 foot swell on the occasions the wind came up. Like all boats I now have a few things to fix as I wanted to actually fish from the boat before getting too serious on drilling and cutting holes. The voltage sensitive relay proved excellent at topping the trolling motor battery up on the occasions we used the motor to drag ourselves through the trees.



I recommend you all pencil this trip into your work leave calendars from Friday 9 November 2012 if you want a chance at Cod and Yellowbelly as it is certainly a fun dam to fish and an easy 4 hour drive from Brisbane. The hosts Brian and Debbie Dare are certainly friendly and make our stay very enjoyable.

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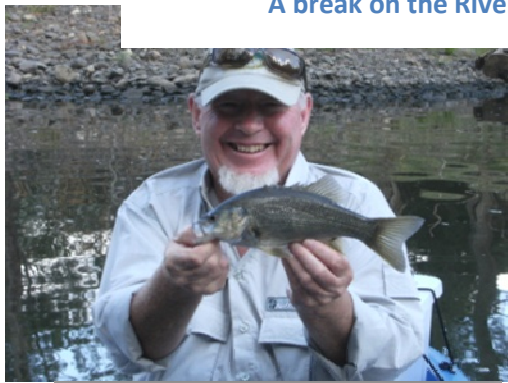
Albert River (Kerry) Tagging Trip - This trip is one of the most popular on our calendar. Eleven club members plus two visitors, and the regular crew of locals. With Mark Wards property again the base of operations, the task force spread out to the upper Logan and Albert Rivers, Christmas and Canungra Creeks, by foot and by canoe. Low water conditions made for a lot of dragging of watercraft, and the banks were reasonably growth free due to the floods early in the year. The size of the Bass was in the main, 15 to 25cm with the best pushing 37cm. The question remains, where are the bigger fish, they seem to disappear once over the 35cm mark. Unfortunately, downstream over the Luscombe Weir, that blocks fish movement back up. There were three East Coast Cod tagged, two in the Logan and one in Canungra Creek. Total number of Bass caught was 91, 58 being tagged with one recapture, the best result ever for the weekend. As for the tall tales, goings on and socialising, it's all in the DVD on meeting night. Again thanks to Lloyd for organising, and to Mark and Sharon for their hospitality.



A break on the River

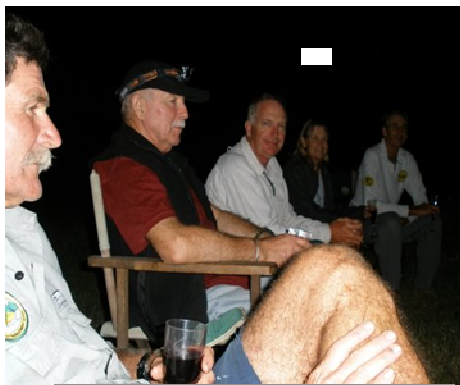


Mazzy popper strikes again



Average size Albert R Bass

What happened? All will be revealed



Pimpama River Trip 4th December

Almost forgot this trip, 4th December, Pimpama River, a day trip with Kev Ford as trip captain. Best launch spot, Diamond Head boat ramp on the Pimpama, or at the Barrage at the top. Contact Kev if any more info needed.

Tags needed

If any member has a large number of tags, they aren't planning to use in the near future, can they return a proportion to Kevin Ford at the next meeting

Snapper catches

Members catching Snapper are asked to record details i.e. numbers, lengths, tagging, locations? to assist in determining the health of the fishery. I'm not sure if it a log book exercise, and who is collating it (Sunfish?). Kevin will explain this meeting.

Coming Trips to look out for

Early next year 2012, what to look out for

Borumba Dam

Borumba Dam in 2012. Mark the 10th to 12th February on your calendar, John Eldred has booked the cabin for this date at the Deer Park. Camping and on site vans are another option. Contact John if you want a space in the cabin.

Club Membership Information

Meeting are held the first Monday of the month, at 7pm sharp, concluding at 9pm sharp. Drinks are available at the bar.

Membership Fees – Adult single \$60, Family \$80, Student over 16 \$20, Child under 16 (no parent in club) \$20, Child under 16 (parent in club) \$10. Visitors Welcome.

Newsletters are e mailed before club meeting, copies at meeting. Please notify me of any e mail changes

Gear for Sale by Club Members

Mal Brown still has a bow mount motor for sale. Last chance before they go on eBay. Contact Mal on 0402 901511

Rods for sale – The newsletter editor still has some of his surplus rods left. Most are \$20 to \$30. Contact me for what's left, if interested.

Any club member wishing to sell gear, please let me know so I can place it in the newsletter

Club Logos & Stickers – Shirts & Boats

Large & small boat stickers – Large \$6 Small \$2

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

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