



## **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**Next Meeting Monday 1st December**

7pm Beenligh Bowls Club

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### **Last Meeting**

A very quiet meeting, having been banished downstairs again, and a lot of members at Glenlyon.

### **This Meeting**

Lloyd will be giving a rundown on the Glenlyon trip and the tagging weekend at Kerry. Next year we have to lift our game as to having informative fishing subjects to pass on to members. Put your thinking caps on, and make some suggestions.

Something else to think about. There has been a suggestion put forward that some of the clubs funds be allocated to subsidise the week long trips. One side of it is to utilise the moneys raised from our raffles and Bunnings sizzles. The down side is that it might seem to be favouring members who are more able to attend the week trips time wise, while others who are working full time and have families could be seen to be at a disadvantage.

### **Forthcoming Trips**

**Club Christmas Party December 6<sup>th</sup>** – Brad's residence, 26 Myra St, Kingston at 6pm. BYO drinks, meat etc, salads supplied.

**Lower Albert River Shark? Trip January 26<sup>th</sup>** – Lower Albert from Patersons Rd ramp or down from the Alan Wilkie bridge. Barbeque at Ray Bricknalls place just up the road. Trip captain, Ray Bricknall.

**Maroon Dam 13/15<sup>th</sup> February** – Lake Maroon Holiday Park? Jeff Maddalena is the trip captain.

## Glenlyon Dam Trip Report, 31st Oct to 7th Nov, 2014

It turned out to be a typical SBSFC Glenlyon trip ..... anticipation of big cod, fingers crossed that the wind would not blow and of coarse, hoping of no devastating midday storms. The touring party this year was as follows: JC, Neil, Owen and myself as well as John's brother Glenn and mate Darryl, would be there for the week, Brad, Dave Weston (visitor & ex member) and Peter for 4 days with Chris and Jeff spending the first weekend with us. Due to other commitments, Tom and Di would arrive on Wednesday arvo and are therefore not



included in the stats shown later in this article, as are Glenn and Darryl not included. Once the formalities of checking in with Brian and Debbie were over, ie. fishing permits, what's biting and where etc, it was down to the cabins, unpacking, preparing fishing gear, allocating bunks, and a quick bite to eat before setting shrimp traps and heading out for a fish. No guessing where JC, Neil, Dave and Brad were heading ... down to where the action was last year around Stockyard and Bobs Reach. Owen and I opted to ease ourselves into the week by trolling Yellowbelly Run, Cod corner, the flats around the caves and on the way back in for an early first evening, we would try the point of 'Home and Away' bay which paid off with a nice yella for tea and would set the scene for a few nice goldens for Owen as the week went



on. The other 2 boats managed to extract one undersized cod and a yella from Stockyard. The first evening was relaxed with much socializing as Glenn & Darryl turned up from Orange and Chris & Jeff from Logan.

The format for the week was much the same as usual, try for a feed of goldens on bait, then see if the cod were on the chew trolling lures or casting spinner baits till lunch time. The middle of the day would see us head back to camp to clean any fish that needed to be put on ice,

freshen up, a cold beer or two, a bite to eat, dissect the mornings proceedings, look at the predicted wind strength and plan our afternoon attack. Each evening it would be much the same routine as lunch, except that there was a bit more socializing before cooking tea on the open wood BBQ, or JC's cook top, or Pete's Webber, or Glenn's 4 burner gas BBQ ... the choice was mind blowing.

Brad and Dave, JC and Neil spent a fair bit of time concentrating on the area from Stockyard Point down Bob's Reach and were rewarded with success. Brad and Dave opting to troll a spread of lures (Dave thought he was still in Hervey Bay) picking up 3 legal cod, several smaller ones and a few golden perch. For the time that they were there, Chris and Jeff trolled and cast spinner baits around Stockyard and the main basin to the dam wall ... they

did manage a legal cod and a nice golden casting spinner baits and didn't go home empty handed. Peter on the other hand said, "it ain't happenin'" but did manage a couple of goldens. Pete's fishing was cut short due to a trip/fall he had while taking a comfort break in the middle of Wednesday night. (Hope your back is on the improve Peter). Owen and I bait fished a couple of hours each morning and were successful on a couple of occasions getting 5 then 4, the rest of the time it was tough going, even for the grey nomads. The wind direction and strength determined where we would fish/troll so we basically covered the whole dam during the week and picking up Golden Perch and cod from the Dam wall area, Tea Tree Hollow, Stockyard Creek, the fence line, Home & Away bay, the first line of trees, the Caves, Rob's Run, and the drop offs up past Debbie's Run.



Wednesday .... Cod day. Owen and I decided to head up past Debbie's Run and fish where we'd been successful the day before ... JC and Neil were waiting behind to talk with a regular from the next cabin who had been getting some excellent cod and would work there way up the dam toward us. Owen and I were trying various spots without success when John and Neil showed up and asked how we were doing. The reply from me was very obvious and they remarked that they couldn't put any fish in their esky anyway because it was full ... JC held up a 91cm cod. That was it, we were working our way back to where JC and Neil got that cod and where Neil had also got blown away around a tree by another. We worked our way back to the area where JC and Neil, Peter, Glenn and Darryl were all now trolling .. we joined the procession and were successful with a 75cm cod. While fighting the fish I noticed Glenn and Darryl trolling towards us, obviously to see what we were up to. The next thing we noticed was strange antics coming from their boat with Glenn trying to grab rods and clambering through the bimini ... they had picked up an 85cm cod .. two in the same area within a matter of minutes.



As we were all invited to the Dare's for dinner, the afternoon session would be cut short. Owen and I opted to work our way out of Fisherman's Return up to Home and Away point, pick up a few yellas, then head over and work the Island before giving it away around 5.30pm. Owen's bad luck continued, he picked up a nice cod on the fence line only to have it swim towards the outboard motor, to much pressure and the hooks pulled/straightened. We continued to Home and Away bay point where Owen picked up a nice golden, but that was the only one

playing the game that afternoon. Over to the Island and with time running out it looked as though we would get one circumnavigation ... ten minutes to go and only half way round Owen's goal achieved, his first legal cod from Glenlyon.

Once again, Debbie and Brian provided a perfect meal and of course the obligatory tour of the bedrooms (filled with Debbie's lure collection and fishing memorabilia).

Some statistics for the week (not including Tom or Glenn & Darryl):-

	GP	SP	Cod legal	Cod u/size	Others
Total	47	2	8*	17	6

\* 1 released by Dave

**Note:** After returning home from the trip, Debbie informed JC that 19 legal cod had been caught on the Saturday. Tom and Di stayed till the following Saturday and his statistics are produced below:-

Date	Almanac rating	Length	Location	Comments
6/11/14	Good	525	Before caves	T & R
		460	" "	T & R
7/11/14	Good	560	Home & Away	T & R
		750	Rob's Run	Kept
8/11/14	Best	700	Before caves	Kept
		475	" "	T & R
		450	" "	Released recapture V34552
		530	" "	T & R
		420	" "	T & R
9/11/14	Fair	650	" "	Kept recapture T49070

10/11/14	Fair	940	Rob's Run	Kept
12/11/14	Poor	590	Bob's Reach	T & R
		710	Tea Tree Hollow	Released recapture U72760
		715	" " "	T & R
		470	Don's Spot	T & R
		560	Bob's Reach	T & R
		690	" "	T & R
			" "	Dropped approx. 700 mm cod near boat
14/11/14	Poor	560	" "	Released recapture V54363
		910	" "	Kept
		410	" "	T & R
15/11/14	Poor	510	" "	T & R
		520	" "	T & R
		495	" "	T & R
		525	" "	T & R
			" "	Dropped 850 mm plus beside boat

Note: In addition I caught 1 Silver and 20 Yellas one of which was caught on bait. The Wednesday when JC, Lloyd, Daryl & Owen caught Cod the Almanac rated it a best day, as was mad Saturday when 20 legal Cod were caught. A lot of the Cod I caught obviously don't read the Almanac.

Tom Walbank



## LAFMA & SBSFC Tagging Trip, Kerry, Nov 2014

The combined LAFMA & Southern Brisbane annual Bass and Mary River Cod tagging trip was held from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd November. SBSFC numbers, as well as LAFMA numbers were well down on previous years, but those that attended still had a good time. Christmas Creek once again was the cod producer with at least 10 cod being tagged and a recapture of a 60cm cod by Tom ... the cod was tagged on the 26/12/2013 by Brad Cahill, Glenn's son at 60cm and had moved approx 500 meters upstream. Zero growth in 11 months. Another cod recapture that I have just received also showed zero growth for a 47cm cod tagged on last years tagging weekend and recaptured mid November this year.



River levels were well down as can be expected with little or no rain and farmers irrigating, however, the Albert did have a 30cm rise on Thursday night but was back to normal by Sunday arvo. JC provided the entertainment as usual. Kevin probably had the best of the cod catches with 4 under his belt, Eddy and Jeff (who only arrived at 5am Sunday) probably did the best Bass catch with at least 30 in a 4 to 5 hour session in the upper Albert Sunday morning.

Stats to hand at present .. still waiting Sunday Logan River catch from the Mt Gipps boys:-

**Total bass capture ..... 65**

**Total cod capture ..... 12**

Thanks again to Mark Ward for the use of his Kerry property as base for the weekend, and his farmer ingenuity for providing toilet facilities (photo attached).

Lloyd Willmann

Trip captain



## **Information for members**

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

### **Club Logos & Stickers – Shirts & Boat**

Large & small boat stickers – Large \$6 Small \$5 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**

### **Marine Safe Australia – Marine Safety Gear**

**21 Rowland St, Slacks Creek 3808-1988**

**Danny Hughes Fishing Restoration – Rod/Reel Repairs Ph 0438 012619**

**Yatala Outboard Wrecking – Specialising in used parts for all makes & models. Repairs & Servicing – Gary & Trent 3807 2488 – 7 Old Pacific Hwy**

**Gem Bait & Tackle – 281 Jacob's Well Rd, Alberton Ph 3287 3868**

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