



SOUTHERN BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.

P O Box 5057, Eagleby Qld 4057

NEWS LETTER

February 2004

Next Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THE 02.02.04 AT THE Neighbourhood Centre, Mansfield Walk, Beenleigh. (between the round a bout and Crete St.)

The venue can be accessed for off street parking via Kent Street (next to Police station), or via James Street, just up from the Court House. Park in James Street and walk behind the Gold Coast City Council branch office.

NOTE:- We have a Bar

MEMBERSHIP FEES

All membership fees are due Single membership is \$55.00
Family Membership is \$75.00

We apologise for the increase in fees this is due to the increase in the Public Liability Insurance.

NEXT TRIP

FEBRUARY SUNDAY 1st TALLEBUDGERA CREEK: DAY TRIP
Put in at gravel boat ramp under Pacific H'Way in Tallebudgera Dr.
Contact: Chris Eldred Ph: 3344 2605

FEBRUARY 21st -22nd LAKE BORUMBA: SARATOGA - BASS
Stay at the Deer Park, 5kl from lake Ph: 5484 5196
Contact: John Cumberland Ph: 3801 1110

FISH OF THE MONTH

Saratoga

The fish of the month is the longest of the particular species length over all. (not the fork).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT:	Chris Elderd	Ph: 3344 2605
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TRIPS:

Up and coming trips will be:

SPECIAL TRIP

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**MARCH 13th - 14th
NOOSA HEADS
TREVALLY - FLATHEAD**

**Accommodation TBC
Contact: Chris Eldred
ph: 3344 2605**

**March 22nd - 23rd
MOOLOOLABA
TUNA if conditions permit or
JACK in Mooloolaba River**

Accommodation TBC

**Contact: John Cumberland
Ph: 3801 1110**

**APRIL FRIDAY 9th
BRISBANE RIVER DAY TRIP
Snapper/Bream**

**Leave from Fisherman Island
boat ramp
Contact: Chris Eldred
ph: 3344 2605**

**MAY 23rd
Day Trip to the Pin
Bream**

**Contact: John Cumberland
Ph 3801 1110**

**JUNE SUNDAY 27th
PEEL ISLAND DAY TRIP
Snapper/Bream**

**Leave Cleveland boat ramp at
dawn
Contact: John Eldred
Ph: 3344 2605**

**JULY SUNDAY 25th
SHORT ISLAND DAY TRIP
Luderick - Leave from
Cabbage Tree Point boat ramp
Contact: John Cumberland
Ph: 3801 1110**

If unable to attend any of the meetings and would like to pay membership you can send a cheque or money order to the address on the front of the newsletter.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR NEXT MONTH:

February – Special Bobby Eldred
Topic:- Battery Maintenance

<u>SOUTHERN BRISBANE SPORTFISHING CLUB</u>		
<u>MEMBERSHIP FORM</u>		
First Name _____	Surname _____	Date of Birth _____
Address _____	Suburb _____	Postcode _____
Phone Number – Home _____	Business _____	Mobile _____
Email _____	Fax _____	
Type of Boat _____		
Preferred type of fishing _____		

**THE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE
HELD AT TBA PLACE ON THE 7.30PM
at**



NOTIFICATION OF CAPTURE

ANGLER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Date	Species	Scientific Names	Location	Div	Class	Mass	Point

ANGLER DECLARTAIION: I certify that the above fish were captured by me in accordance with ANSA angling rules.

SIGNATURE: _____

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Wavebreak Is management plan 'long overdue'

Environmentalists have welcomed a new management plan for Wavebreak Island, off Queensland's Gold Coast.

The guidelines have been drawn up by the State Government and the Gold Coast City Council.

They include a ban on development and camping on the island, and allow only low-impact recreation.

The Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council says the management plan is long overdue.

GECKO spokeswoman Lois Levy also welcomes plans to encourage users to remove all rubbish they bring to the island.

"We've been really concerned about the place being trashed and vegetation being broken, rubbish left there and generally been used as a toilet over the place," she said.

I have made a tentative booking at Storm King Dam for Fri 8/10/04 & Sat 9/10/04, they have sent the booking confirmation papers to me for completion & return by 27/01/2004.

Ulladulla says goodbye to plastic bags

The New South Wales coastal town of Ulladulla is to become plastic bag free, much to the pleasure of the local boating community.

The coordinator of the plastic bag free campaign, Cathy Dunn, says bags are turning up in the ocean and have been known to ruin outboard motors.

Ulladulla will be the third Shoalhaven town to embrace calico and paper bags,

following in the footsteps of Kangaroo Valley and Huskisson.

Grey nurse shark fishing closures in force

The Department of Primary Industries is reminding the State's fishing sectors that closures at four key grey nurse shark aggregation sites in south-east Queensland are now in force.

Fishing and diving regulations came into effect on 19 December 2003 in a move to protect one of Australia's most critically endangered marine species.

Only 300 to 500 grey nurse sharks are estimated to be left on Australia's east coast.

Despite not being a threat to people, the grey nurse shark was hunted almost to extinction in the 1960s due to its fierce appearance.

A ban is already in place on taking grey nurse sharks in Queensland, New South Wales and Commonwealth waters and they are also listed as critically endangered under Commonwealth legislation.

However, Queensland Fisheries Service (QFS) fisheries resource manager Mark Doohan said more action was needed to ensure their survival.

Mr Doohan said new fishing restrictions had been introduced at four grey nurse aggregation sites including Wolf Rock off Double Island Point, and Flat Rock, Henderson Rock and Cherub's Cave in the Moreton Bay Marine Park.

There are also diving restrictions within the Moreton Bay Marine Park sites.

The new regulations were introduced after extensive consultation with industry groups and the public.

"The fishing restrictions are aimed at protecting the sharks from fishing hooks and other fishing activities that can harm them," he said.

"Hooks are a serious problem and can become embedded in the shark and cause serious infection as well as disrupt their feeding and digestion, causing them to starve."

Mr Doohan said it was also believed that diving too close to the sharks or in large

groups could affect their feeding and breeding behaviour.

He encouraged the fishing community and divers to become familiar with the new regulations to help protect the remaining population.

The new regulations include all forms of fishing banned at Wolf Rock and nearly all forms of fishing banned with limited exemptions at Flat Rock, Henderson Rock and Cherub's Cave.

There are new diving regulations at Cherub's Cave, Henderson Rock and Flat Rock.

For full details about the fishing restrictions call the DPI Call Centre on 13 25 23.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

- **Welcome to Bill Turner.**

Welcome our new Chairman of Sunfish Qld Bill Turner. Bill replaces John Doohan who has fought many a battle on behalf of Sunfish Qld over many years and this branch wishes John all the best for the future. Bill brings with him a wealth of knowledge, battle scars and successes. Bill's most famous success has been the "STOP NETTING TAILOR" campaign, which was part of the reason netting of tailor, has been banned on Fraser Island as well as a few other places. Bill is confined to a wheelchair but is an inspiration to others proving that being in a wheelchair is no inhibition to getting out and enjoying fishing.

- **Netting of Spotty Mackerel.**

Recent actions by the commercial fishing sector to have the ban on netting for spotty mackerel reversed was successfully defeated. The minister deserves congratulations for standing by his decision to ban netting for spotty mackerel. Sunfish played a large part behind the scenes to ensure that it did not happen. Claims by local commercial fishers that they couldn't catch spotty mackerel on lures became a bit of a joke when novice recreational anglers were catching their bag limit in no time and records showed that commercial fishers had already taken over 70 tonnes by line elsewhere in Qld.

- **Grey Nurse Shark protection.**

The Grey Nurse Shark [GNS] protection legislation was rushed through by the state government it is based on a lot of questionable Science The only area affecting this branch of Sunfish is Wolfe Rock near Double Island Point. While Sunfish supports efforts to protect endangered species, it still has not received answers to its questions regarding sustainable populations

- Why is surface trolling banned in these areas when there is no record of GNS being taken by troll?
- **Where are the real spawning areas for GNS [no juveniles are found at these closed areas]**
- Why are there not more restrictions placed on the diving in these areas?
- What changes are to be made to shark netting and drum line setting to ensure effects of these activities are minimised?

It appears that recreational fishing has been unfairly targeted by this legislation.

- **Special Projects Funding.**

- An application has been made to Jupiter's Community Benefit Fund to provide fish cleaning stations at the Pier and at Burrum Heads.
- A separate grant application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to provide information display boards to assist with angler education and public information sessions has also been lodged.
- The Hervey Bay Boat Club following a request from Sunfish has approved funding to put 2 seats on the pier. It is pleasing to see some of our bigger clubs giving back to our local community.

- **Great Sandy Marine Park.**

The Hervey Bay Marine Park has not progressed since our last newsletter due to political reasons/bureaucracy/impending state election. As stated previously, a marine park designation with appropriate zoning should be good for this area, but it could have some nasty surprises for recreational anglers, so we are keeping a watching brief on this.

OTHER BITS AND PIECES

- **Junior Angler Education.**

Will be back in 2004 with a revamped course incorporating ideas from past participants. We are arranging for the appointment of four more qualified instructors to run the Courses.

- **Changes to Fisheries Legislation.**

Included in this package is the DPI guide to the new size and bag limits effective in December 2003. More copies available from Bait and tackle Shops and the Qld Fisheries and Boating Patrol Office Urangan.

- **Meetings with Fishing Clubs and Community Associations.**

During November and December members of the committee met with clubs and Assns to explain the branch Position regarding the Marine Park Zoning including Dark Blue areas Green areas and Yellow areas and their implications for Recreational Fishers.

- **Boat Ramps.**

On-going discussions and the possible formation of a Task Force chaired by Chris Foley Member for Maryborough regarding improvements to the Burrum Heads and Toogoom Ramps against the DPI steadfast attitude against changes in a Fish Habitat Area See *article in Sunfish magazine showing how we have been robbed.*

- **Toogoom Fishing Comp Australia Day Weekend.**

For further details contact Mal McKinlay for details phone 41280459 mobile 0408753346

- **Size and Bag Limits for Winter Whiting.**

The branch is seriously looking at this issue, as we believe there is exploitation by some fishers and social attitudes have turned away from cricket score catches.

- **Web Page.**

sunfish.com.au Worth a look as there is some good info there about fish and other stories and it's upgraded regularly and also the Services offered by our Sponsors.

- **Value of Recreational Fishing in Australia.**

**Only when the last tree has died and the last river
poisoned and the last fish caught will we realise we
can't eat money**

