



Southern Brisbane Sportfishing Club Inc.

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Newsletter

July, 2004

Next Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 5 July, 2004 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.

NOTE:- We have a Bar

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Single membership is \$55.00 p.a. - Family Membership is \$75.00 p.a.

NEXT TRIP

SUNDAY 25 JULY *SHORT ISLAND DAY TRIP* Luderick
Leave from Cabbage Tree Point boat ramp at 6am sharp.
Trip Captain: Ray Bricknell ph: 3287 2668 or 0403 96 96 06

Guest Speaker: No guest speaker this month – lots of General Business (policy issues) to be dealt with – come along and have your say. Think about volunteering to Captain a Trip of your choice – show us your skills!

Future Trips: See list below – last page of Newsletter.

Committee Members: See below – at end of Newsletter.

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You have to feel sorry for Lloyd Willmann. The poor bugger can't help himself.

No sooner is he retired (again) and due to finish his term as ANSA Secretary, and he finds himself lined up to take on the Presidency of the SBSFC for the 2004/5 year.

You can imagine Lloyd saying to himself: "How the hell did that happen?" After all, Lloyd has worked tirelessly for fishing in Queensland for many years past. Surely he has earned a break?

Well, it all happened like this:

Lloyd kicked off the June meeting by reminding all present that the AGM was due to be held in August, as requested by ANSA, and several positions on the Committee would be falling vacant at the AGM.

Chris Eldred, our current President, has indicated he would like a break. The current Secretary and Newsletter Editor, Laurelle Martens, has been finding it difficult to attend meetings and produce Newsletters, and the Tagging Officer, Dennis Martens, likewise.

"So who is going to take on these positions at the AGM?", asked Lloyd. Deafening silence!

Lloyd's big mistake was to let on that, once free of the ANSA Secretary's job, he planned to again make himself available for a position on the committee of the SBSFC. (Where would we all be without people like Lloyd Willmann in this world?)

Then Ray Bricknell stepped into the fray.

"If Lloyd will agree to stand for President at the AGM", said Ray, "I'll fill in as Secretary and Newsletter Editor until then, if Laurelle would like a break. "I'll also offer myself for re-election to those roles at the AGM."

However, Ray asked that the burden on the committee be eased by scrapping the separate committee meetings on the second Monday of the month. That was readily agreed to by all those present. If it proves necessary, the committee will meet half an hour or so before each month's general meeting.

After the meeting Chris Eldred spoke to Laurelle and, naturally, she chose to opt out of the Secretary's job. Who can blame her – a young mother, with a home and family to care for, and a demanding job in the paid workforce to boot. We all owe Laurelle a debt of gratitude for doing the job for as long – and as well – as she did. Notice the instant drop in the standard of presentation of this Newsletter – our new Editor can't use MS Publisher yet.

GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP PLANNED

As part of the general discussion at the June meeting it was recognised that the club needs an increase in membership if it is to remain vibrant and viable.

For this to occur, we'll need to take some active steps to promote the club through media releases and the like. Ideas for ways to grow the membership are now sought by the committee. Please email your ideas to the secretary at raybrick@bigpond.com, or bring them forward at the monthly meetings.

Of course, once a prospective new member attends a club meeting, we need to make them feel welcome and involved. One way to do that is to offer really well organised trips, and to ensure the participation in those trips by new members and prospective members is made easy and pleasant. This can include offering them a place in one of our boats on trips to areas they are new to, or providing them with a Decky if they wish to take their own boat but don't know the area well.

NEW TRIP CAPTAIN SYSTEM TO BE TRIED

In addressing this and related issues, an idea emerged for a replacement of the Trips Committee system. The idea came from Barrie Kiepe. **Not even a paid up member, and he had the hide to come up with a good idea!** “Why not scrap the Trips Committee and institute a Trip Captain system instead? It works in other clubs”, Barrie said. Much discussion followed, and the idea was adopted – at least for a trial period.

TRIP CAPTAIN’S DUTIES

John Cumberland put his hand up to be the Trip Captain for the Peel Island Day Trip on Sunday 27 June. Ray Bricknell subsequently produced a draft set of Duties of the Trip Captain, based largely on what JC had actually done when he organised last year’s very successful trip to the Tweed River.

John has had a look at the draft Duties, and has agreed to work to them for the Peel Island trip. By the time we read this Newsletter the Peel Island trip will probably have been held, or be about to take place, so we’ll see from that how well the system works. If anyone can make it work, JC will.

The draft Duties of the Trip Captain are include with this Newsletter for your consideration. Please let Ray Bricknell know if you would like to suggest any changes to them.

IS FISHING SOON TO BECOME ILLEGAL?

Some would like it so – visit www.nofishing.com to get some idea of what we are up against. Don Porter issued a ‘call to arms’ in the May 2004 *Sportfish* newsletter – page 5: **“Stop Fiddling”**.

We all remember those times, in days gone by, when we took too many fish – just because they were biting. And the excessive slaughter of Taylor off the beach at Fraser Island, and of reef fish on those week long “fill the freezer” jaunts. How much of that fish sat too long in home freezers, and was wasted?

Mindful of such past extravagances, all SBSFC members are surely supportive of the regulation of catch sizes and the protection of certain breeding areas. But is the pendulum about to swing too far? A recent media release from Mike Horan suggests it may be. The Queensland Government appears to be taking quite an unsympathetic approach to fishers in this state, be they commercial or recreational.

MEDIA RELEASE FROM MIKE HORAN

[Govt votes against support for struggling fishermen](#)

Mr Mike Horan MP

Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries

Member for Toowoomba South

17 June 2004

The Beattie Government last night voted against providing financial support for Queensland commercial and recreational fishermen being caught in the net of a raft of State Government restrictions that are destroying hundreds of jobs and livelihoods right along the Queensland coast.

Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries, Mike Horan, moved a motion condemning the Beattie Government for its overzealous attack on the commercial and recreational fishing industries in Queensland.

“I called on the Beattie Government to provide compensation for commercial fishermen whose livelihoods have been destroyed by the coral reef fin fishery management plan and other recently introduced fishing restrictions,” he said. “I also wanted the Beattie Government to ensure upcoming decisions on complementary zoning of State waters adjacent to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and the proposed Great Sandy Marine Park be based on accurate science, honesty and true consultation.

“But the Beattie Government voted against our amendment and used its numbers to instead congratulate itself for ignoring the social and economic costs the range of State fishing restrictions are having on coastal Queensland communities.”

Mr Horan said the coral reef fishery management plan would come into effect in two weeks, reducing commercial catch levels from 4,830 tonnes to 3,061 tonnes costing at least \$20 million a year in lost income and roughly 500 jobs.

“The Federal Government is providing a structural adjustment package for fishermen affected by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park zoning program but the State Government still refuses to even consider compensation even though its fishing restrictions are far more severe,” he said.

Mr Horan said both commercial and recreational fishermen were also very concerned about the State Government's plans to restrict fishing in inshore waters off the Great Barrier Reef and the proposed Great Sandy Marine Park between Bundaberg and Noosa.

"The Beattie Government is being very quiet on its plans to match the new Commonwealth zoning plan for the Great Barrier Reef in State inshore waters, which include areas to low tide, rivers and creeks," he said. "More than 80% of fishing for mud crabs and barramundi can be carried out in these waters so understandably the uncertainty about the future of inshore fisheries is causing a great deal of angst amongst commercial and recreational fishermen.

"It is time the Beattie Government came clean on its plans to restrict inshore fishing near the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and in the proposed Great Sandy Marine Park instead of this ducking and weaving we have seen in recent weeks."

Media inquiries: Scott Whitby 0438 139 462

Don Porter is convinced all ANSA affiliated clubs should be active in trying to ensure a balance is maintained between sensible regulation and excessive limitation of fishing.

The questions we, the members of SBSFC, must ask ourselves are:

1. Are we prepared to do ANYTHING to support ANSA in its endeavours to preserve and protect our rights to fish in a controlled and environmentally sensitive manner?
2. If so, just what are we able and prepared to do?

Maybe this subject needs more discussion at our July meeting - and subsequently?

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT: Chris Eldred	Ph:3344 2605
VICE PRES: John Eldred	Ph:3344 2605
SECRETARY: Ray Bricknell	Ph:3287 2668
TREASURER: Tom Wallbank	Ph:5546 1880
ANSA REP: Lloyd Willmann	Ph:3287 3278
TAGGING OFFR:Dennis Martens	Ph:3200 4369
RAFFLE CO-ORD: John Eldred	Ph:3344 2605
MEMBERSHIP:John Cumberland	Ph: 3801 1110
NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Ray Bricknell	

FUTURE TRIPS

SPECIAL TRIP SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST MORETON BAY SCHOOL MACKEREL

Leave Cleveland boat ramp at dawn
Contact: John Cumberland 3801 1110

AUGUST 28th-29th BJELKE-PETERSEN DAM

Bass/Golden Perch
Accommodation Yallakool Tourist Park
Ph: 4168 4746
Contact: John Eldred Ph: 3344 2605

SEPTEMBER 11th-12th TWEED RIVER

Flathead/Bream
Accommodation Homestead Caravan Park
Ph: (02) 6674 1824
Contact: John Cumberland Ph: 3801 1110

OCTOBER TBC WEEKEND MURRAY COD TRIP – 23rd & 24th? - SEVERN RIVER

Stay at Storm King Recreational Centre, 10km from Stanthorpe.

Min. Cost: \$5.35 per person per night, if minimum 20 people attend. Total cost \$107.00 per night divided by number attending.

* Need to confirm numbers ASAP & book dates; 23rd & 24th October currently booked.

SPECIAL TRIP NOVEMBER 13th -20th

LAKE AWOONGA - BARRAMUNDI

Accommodation Lake Awoonga Caravan Park

Ph: 4975 0155

Contact: John Cumberland Ph: 3801 1110

NOVEMBER - SUNDAY 21st

MAROON DAM DAY TRIP - BASS

Contact: Chris Eldred Ph: 3344 2605

DECEMBER 5th & 6th CRESSBROOK DAM

BASS/GOLDEN PERCH – Ladies Included

Accommodation cressbrook dam camp ground, or Crows Nest Caravan Park if preferred.

\$3.50 per night self registration at camp ground -

CONTACT TO BOOK: PH: 4688 6540

Contact: John Eldred Ph: 3344 2605

For general enquiries about trips:

Contact the nominated Trip Captain , or

John Cumberland

Phone (07) 3801 1110

Mobile 0421 281 805

Email cumberlandj@powerup.com.au

Membership Enquiries:

Contact the Secretary – contact details above

Notifications of Capture:

If you wish to tag fish, email the Secretary for Notification of Capture forms – contact details above.

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DUTIES OF THE TRIP CAPTAIN

General Overview: The Trip Captain will assume overall responsibility for the particular trip, in much the same way as a commercial tour operator or tour guide does. He or she will plan the trip, co-ordinate all communication with and involvement of all participants, act as the central point of contact, monitor safety and compliance with all applicable regulations (such as licensing), and make executive decisions as to any changes which may be in the best interests of the success of the trip – even to the point of canceling the trip, if circumstances dictate this.

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

1. The Trip Captain will normally be the one who suggests the date, duration and destination for the trip, normally at a monthly club meeting.
2. If sufficient interest is indicated by the members, the trip will be endorsed as an authorised activity of the club, for insurance and other purposes.
3. Trips should generally be planned as minimum two day activities, in order to allow participants to take advantage of at least one full tidal cycle, but must always include a Day Trip option if within reasonable driving distance of Brisbane.
4. The Trip Captain is to plan all details of the trip, including best route, best dates, best accommodation option, best boat

ramp, suggested meeting time and place, best tackle (including lures/soft plastics/spinner baits), best bait(s) and source(s) thereof, and all similar information. A reconnaissance trip may be required if the Trip Captain is not familiar with the destination.

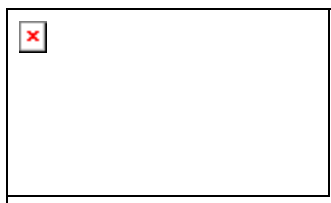
5. All details pertaining to the trip are to be included in a **Trip Briefing Sheet** prepared by the Trip Captain, to be accompanied by maps, brochures and telephone numbers as appropriate, or else be provided to the Secretary in ample time to allow it to be documented and copied prior to the monthly club meeting immediately preceding the trip, for distribution to all trip participants at the meeting.
6. The Trip Captain is to present a clear and comprehensive briefing on the trip at the club meeting preceding the trip, and to be prepared to answer detail questions from members.
7. The Trip Captain should arrive at the designated meeting place at least 15 minutes before the nominated meeting time, and assist arriving members with local information as required.
8. At the nominated meeting time, the Trip Captain is to conduct a final briefing as to the plans for that session, and co-ordinate any last minute assistance of members for one another (e.g. "I've come without my tackle box", or "I wasn't able to get any bait"). The final briefing must include a check that all members with mobile phones have the numbers of all other trip participants entered in their phones, and phones are turned on, for safety reasons. The time and place for all to next meet (e.g. for lunch) should also be clearly advised to all trip participants at this briefing.
9. The Trip Captain will then be responsible for leading a convoy of those participants who want such help to a sure-fire fishing spot, ensuring that the travel speed allows the slowest boat to keep up, and must guarantee a good catch – or face the consequences at the next club meeting.
10. Within seven days of the end of the trip, the Trip Captain is to provide the Secretary with a written report on the trip, for inclusion in the next Newsletter. Ideally, the report should be typed, and emailed to the Secretary. However, the Secretary will type up the report for any Trip Captain unable to do so himself. In that case, notes for the report should be legibly hand written and promptly mailed to Ray Bricknell, 28 Ferguson Drive, Yatala Q4207.
11. At the club meeting immediately following the trip, the Trip Captain is to present an oral report to all club members present on the success or otherwise of the trip, highlighting any humorous incidents and any lessons learned for next time, and must donate \$10 to the Christmas Dinner Fund if the participants vote that not enough fish were caught on the trip, or that the Trip Captain failed to do a good enough job of organising the trip – or if the Trip Captain's report is not entertaining enough.

TRIP BRIEFING SHEET

Luderick – Day Trip Sunday 25 July, 2004

Trip Captain – Ray Bricknell raybrick@bigpond.com Ph 3287 2668 or 0403 969 606

Luderick - *Girella tricuspidata* (Quoy & Gaimard, 1824)



The Luderick is a popular angling species in New South Wales. This species is commonly seen by divers and snorkelers in shallow rocky reef areas. The Luderick is recognised by its evenly arched dorsal and ventral profiles, small mouth and eye, large tail, and colour pattern. In marine waters it is bluish-grey (Bronze)

whereas in estuaries it is a darker grey to brown. it has

11 or 12 thin tapering bars on the side of the body, which fade to silvery below.

The Luderick is recorded from southern Queensland to central South Australia, including northern Tasmania. It is only rarely encountered, however, away from the east coast.

Adults live in coastal and estuarine waters down to a depth of 20m. They are often seen in large schools. Larvae are found in estuaries primarily in seagrass beds and also in rockpools. Juveniles move into mangrove-lined creeks and estuaries during their first year. Adults grow to a maximum length of about 70cm.

Luderick feed mainly on algae which they graze off rocks or floating material. The species name, *tricuspidata*, refers to the flattened three-cusped teeth.

This species is also commonly known as Blackfish, or Niggers. It is NOT a Black Bream.

Best Baits – Sea Cabbage (off coastal rocks at low tide, if the bloody Blackfish haven't cropped it all); Hair-like Green Weed from coastal drains or bait shops; will occasionally take a Yabbie or a Prawn. No known lures or soft plastics will work – very small mouth. Berlei made from finely cut green weed or cabbage and moist sand is an almost essential ingredient.

Best Tides – Many say the Niggers bite best on the last of the run out and the first of the run in, but they can sometimes be caught on any tide. Low tide on 25 July at the Brisbane Bar is at **08:53am**.

Other anecdotal info – It is believed (by the Trip Captain) that some Luderick stay in the rivers (especially in NSW) all year round, and others (the big Bronzies) migrate up the coast and into the rivers after the water temperature drops below some specific level. They are not yet as prolific in SE Queensland as they are in Nthn NSW. They apparently all gather near the mouths of rivers to spawn in the winter months. Spawning is understood to take place around the full moon, and (like Fishers) they are not much interested in eating when there is the prospect of sex on offer – but they eat with gusto afterwards. The moon is full on 2 July and 1 August, so the Niggers hopefully will not have gone off the bite as early as 25 July.

How to catch – Anchor across the current. The best rig will be demonstrated by the Trip Captain at the 5 July club meeting. The Luderick sucks its food into its small mouth, so the float needs to be sensitive (minimum cork), and the hook very small – Mustad size 8 or 10. When a 'Down' is observed, simply lift the rod – preferably to the side, if space permits (no need to Strike). Then prepare for the best and longest battle you are ever likely to experience from a fish under 70 cm (except for a Mangrove Jack). Light tackle makes Niggers great sport, and they'll keep fighting whilst ever you leave them in the water. Because the Bronzies live in the open sea, they are fit and never seem to tire. Some people think Niggers taste better if they are skinned before cooking. Good frying fish.

Legal Size – Qld 23 cm; NSW 25 cm. **Bag Limit** – Qld N/A; NSW 20

Interesting Note: No one is – or can be – licensed in Queensland to gather and sell Green Weed (but it's OK in NSW).

Trip Admin:

- Launch from Cabbage Tree Boat Ramp NLT 5:45am, ready for a 6am departure.
- Trip Captain will endeavour to gather Cabbage and buy Green Weed on Saturday 24 July, and will distribute same to members at the boat ramp during launching if successful. Check with Trip Captain Saturday afternoon if you plan to rely on him supplying Cabbage or Weed.
- Bring a bucket and large spoon or plastic server scoop for Berlei – Trip Captain will distribute Berlei with bait.
- BYO Lunch will be at 12:30pm at **The Huts on Short Island**.
- No overnight accommodation on this trip.
- Any questions, phone the Trip Captain – contact numbers listed above.