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NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 7th of July 2008 at 7:30pm (even if it's a public holiday) at the Beenleigh Bowls Club, 11 Hanover Street, Beenleigh. See access map further on in this Newsletter.



Sunrise at Maroon Dam. Early morning on our May club trip.

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Guest Speaker:

This month we will be having the ever-popular knot night. Kevin Ford and Dave Dennis will conduct this night and will run through most of the common braid and leader knots.

July trips: Two trips are scheduled for July. Our annual Jewfish trip at Jumpinpin. Tom Wallbank is trip captain and will be anchoring his charter boat, the Four Buoys to be used as a mothership. Tom will be leaving Horizon Shores Mariner on Sunday the 13th and will be returning on the 16th. There may be one more bunk available on Tom's boat. Club members are invited to come along in their own boats and fish any time during the week. Ring Tom on 0412759 332.

On the 12th and 13th Neil McNeil will be trip captain for the Donnybrook trip. This trip will coincide with the Snapper Challenge fishing competition. Call Neil on 0412 946 175. More details at the next meeting.

MAROON DAM TRIP 24TH 25TH MAY

BY JEFF MADDALENA

The Maroon trip finally got underway. This trip was originally to be held in April. But due to Bass competitions in April had to be moved to late May.

Seven members (Eddie Latz, Geoff Daley, Ray Bricknell, Jeff Maddalena, Glen Kennedy, Ross Williamson, David Rawlins) and five guests (Trish Rawlins, Gordon & Lyn Lane, Rachel & Kate Maddalena) attended this trip.

Our destination was Camp Lakefire at Maroon Dam. Most of our group made it in one piece, but Ray had a bit of a mishap. On the way out Ray 's trailer light board had fallen off and was dragged a few hundred metres along the road. It was not badly damaged, a little shorter though. The wiring had been damaged as well and with a little help from Geoff Daley, it was skilfully repaired.

Everyone was impressed with our accommodation. The Four cabins were up on the hill and were looking north across the Dam. Each cabin sleeps eight people, but weren't self-contained. I was a bit worried about this when we booked the cabins, but after inspecting the rest of the camp found it to be more than adequate. The main building contained a huge kitchen, dining and lounge including a log fire, which is needed for cold winter nights at Maroon.



Mid afternoon and it was time to wet a line. I will get my fishing story out of the way. I

washed every lure in my tackle box fishing for about 10 hours and didn't have any hits at all. Water Temp was 19 degrees and the infamous Maroon weed was everywhere. Lure fishing was not working at all, for me anyhow!

Bait fishing seemed to be working though. Dave and Trish Rawlins were using live shrimp. Trish caught one bass on Saturday afternoon and one on Sunday morning. Both of her fish were caught around the timbers near the creek bed. Dave didn't get a bite all weekend and remained fishless.

Eddie Latz was another member to land a Bass. Eddie was using worms for bait and was fishing around the creek bed too. Eddie was fishing with Geoff Daley in his blue canoe. Geoffrey also managed a small Bass.

Ray Bricknell put in a lot of hours on the water over the weekend. On Saturday he was kind enough to let Gordon Lane be a deckie. On Sunday Ray anchored on the western side of the dam. There were a lot of bass schools on his sounder. The fish schools were moving around in the area, but Ray failed to hook up. About 30 metres away from Ray were some shore-based fishermen. The pair dressed in waders had been fishing all night with a fire to keep them warm. I hope they had not seen that cowboy movie *Broke Back Mountain*; it gets mighty cold at Maroon in winter. Their technique was to wade through a gap in the weeds, catch a Bass and manoeuvre the Bass back through the weed. They had caught twelve fish through the night and using a bucket, kept the fish alive. As they caught bigger fish they would upgrade, releasing the smaller fish.

Our two kayak fishermen, Ross Williamson and Glen Kennedy both landed nice Bass on Sunday. Ross finally caught his first Bass, using a soft plastic. Glen caught his Bass on the eastern side of the dam using a Jackall.



The best part of this trip was the get together on Saturday night. Our group made the most of the large kitchen. The electric indoor BBQ was loaded with every type of animal, and fried onion.

After dinner everybody got stuck in to clean up the mess, I have never seen so many blokes doing the washing up. Trish Rawlins was so impressed she made me take a photo of this momentous occasion.



After dinner it was time to relax by the fire and plan Sunday's fishing session. The usual tall stories were told and some bebies consumed. A brush tailed possum had perched on the water pipe outside the window. My little girl Katie was quite taken with this so we went outside to feed it some grapes. We soon found out that it was much warmer inside by the fire.

So everyone had a great weekend and all agreed that this trip had the potential to be one of the best social trips through the year. If possible this trip should be held in the warmer months when the fish are more active. But it can be a great weekend for anyone who wants to bring his or her family any time of the year.

PEEL ISLAND / PIMPAMA RIVER TRIP 22ND JUNE

BY JEFF MADDALENA

Due to 15 to 20 Knot wind forecast for Moreton, the Peel Island trip was moved south to the more protected Pimpama River. The Pimpama River missed all of the southwest winds on Sunday and with 5-knot winds all day, it certainly was the place to be.

I met up with Lloyd Willmann and Gary Bryant at the Diamond Head boat ramp at about 6.20am. Kevin Ford and Brad Baldwin were already out on the water.

I decided to fish the last of the runout tide over on the northern bank. I was keen to fish with soft plastics, as I had just bought myself a Diawa graphite rod. The first plastic to try were the BOZO smelts, this seemed to be the right choice for the day and was instantly hit. Due to my inexperience with softies I missed my first hit but soon after landed a small 280mm Dusky Flathead. The Flattie was measured, tagged and released. After a few more hit and misses I landed my second fish for the day, a 230mm Bream. I have done my entire Bream lure fishing with Hardbodies, so it was good to catch one on rubber for a change.



Gary and Lloyd were fishing out near the river mouth. Gary was also using BOZO smelts. It must have been the right day for the BOZOS because Gary picked up a Flathead, Bream and Tailor. Lloyd was fishing with different soft plastic and did not even get a hit.

As the tide turned things got a bit quiet. I picked up a small whiting on an Ecogear SX40 and Lloyd finally landed his first Flathead just before 12.00pm lunch.

Kevin and Brad had a great morning picking up numerous Flathead and Bream. They were using soft plastics and hardbody lures. The biggest Flathead measured 640mm. I guessed that Kevin and Brad were too busy catching fish to make a phone call. I had plenty of time to answer.

Lunch was held at the stockyards at 12 o'clock where we were paid a visit by Fisheries. The Fisheries Officer checked both Kevin and Lloyd's boats but did not worry about my canoe. Good to see these Fisheries guys around and keeping people honest. The officer reported that the winds had blown up around 9.00am and it was a little rough both offshore and in the bay.

Although we all would have preferred Snapper for Sunday dinner, we were all happy with the way the day had turned out.

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JOKE OF THE MONTH

A fire fighter is working on the engine outside the station when he notices a little girl next door in a little red wagon with little ladders hung off the sides and a garden hose tightly coiled in the middle. The girl is wearing a fire fighter's helmet. Her dog and her cat are pulling the wagon. The fire fighter walked over to take a closer look.

"That sure is a nice fire truck." the fire fighter says with admiration.

"Thanks." replies the girl.

The fire fighter looks a little closer and notices the girl has tied the wagon to her dog's collar and to the cat's testicles.

"Little partner." the fire fighter says, "I don't want to tell you how to run your rig but, if you were to tie that rope around the cat's collar too, I think you could go faster."

The little girl replies thoughtfully, "You're probably right, but then I wouldn't have a siren."



Tech Tips-

Braid Lines

A large percentage of Lure fishing over recent years has been based around the use of braid lines and high tech leaders. Here a short rundown on what it's all about.

The introduction of Braid lines has been a revelation to most styles of Lure Fishing.

Because of the low stretch factors of the materials used in the manufacture of Braided lines, Braid allows for a much better feel when coupled together with graphite rods.

But not all braids are the same, while some manufacturers use a thermally fusing process others are just a woven line consisting of different thread counts and weave combinations, either impregnated or coated with Dye for colouring, even some without any colouring.

The traditional Braid has very little stretch, around 2-3%, which is the reason for the excellent feel obtained when fishing with lures.

Some Braids like Bionic Braid is manufactured using a different process and has around 8% stretch. While this is more than say a traditional braid it still allows for very good feel with a little stretch is ease the shocks imparted by large fish.

Whether the braid you use has 2 or 8% stretch this is still a lot less than a run of the mill Mono line that is around 20-30%.

In recent years some manufacturers of Mono lines have produced Low Stretch lines. Platypus is one that springs to mind; here you have a mono line with around 8-10% stretch factor. This line has its place as a cheaper alternative to braids which are manufactured from more exotic materials and complex processes, it is suited to many styles of lure fishing.

Whether you prefer braid or Lo-Stretch Mono lines, they all have their place in the Lure Fishing basket.

Next month we'll touch on the various Leaders and Leader material.

KEVIN FORD

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For Sale- Rod covers made to order -\$5.00
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CLUB LOGOS FOR SHIRTS AND STICKERS FOR BOATS

Just a reminder - for \$10.00 you can have the
SBSFC logo embroidered onto your own shirt.
Bring your dress shirt / polo shirt or fishing shirt
to the meeting with \$10.00 and it will be back at
the following meeting. The \$10.00 fee includes a
\$1.00 levy that will go towards reimbursing the
club for the \$75.00 set up cost.

Tom Wallbank has had a number of large and
small boat stickers printed, and these are
available for sale at every meeting.
COST- Small \$1; Large \$5

LIBRARY STUFF

The club library has the following items available for borrowing by the members. They are available at our monthly club meetings. A \$20 deposit will be required please, just to make sure they come back at the next meeting.

- ET's Bass and Barra Fishing
- Gently Does it when releasing fish - booklet and DVD
- Gillies Introduction to Fly Fishing
- Squidgy Secrets - Part 1 Basics
- The Kayak Fishing Video (On DVD)
- Basic Bait Fishing (DVD)
- Queensland's Freshwater Fishing Impoundment Guide (NAFA / Tourism Queensland)
- Queensland's Offshore Fishing Guide (NAFA / Tourism Queensland)
- Evinrude Etec DVD
- Zed Lure field test series 2004 parts 1 to 4
- Fishing DVD volumes 1, 2 & 7
- Flathead Study (cd-rom)

USEFUL NUMBERS & WEB SITES:

SE Qld Boating Weather 1300 360 428

Qld Marine Warnings 1300 360 427

Fish watch Hotline 1800 017 116

Bureau of meteorology

<http://www.bom.gov.au/index.shtml>

Sweetwater fishing

<http://sweetwaterfishing.com.au/>

Crab pot Theft Hotline 1800 017 116

Bonzer imports <http://www.bonzerimports.com/>

Brownies coast watch

<http://www.browniescoastwatch.com/>

SEQ kayak fishing

<http://members.optusnet.com.au/aus-kayak-fishing/>

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<http://www.sbsfc.org/>

SPECIAL DEALS

Danny Hughes -Fishing Tackle Restoration

Mobile Ph 0438 012 629

He also has 2nd hand good quality reels & rods for sale at all times.

He does all the Reel / Rod Repairs for Mossop's, Fish Head etc.

Marine Welding

Members should note that Jason Small of J & T Marine Welding is brilliant aluminium and stainless steel welder, located near the Gem Hotel, and is prepared to do small jobs like repairing small leaks and cracks in tinnie hulls. He is a really straight shooter, and his charges are embarrassingly low, based on one member's experience (two jobs). Phone Jason on 3807 8746 if you need his help.

R.T.L. Trailers – 3287 4241

Mark builds trailers and repairs them very economically – a good tradesman too.

79 Boundary Street, Beenleigh

NEW MEMBERS

Prospective Members reading this Newsletter will be made very welcome at any Club meeting – so please come along and check us out at our next meeting on the first Monday of the month at 7:15pm.

NOTE: - *The Bowls Club has a Bar.* Please remember the gear swap table at the meeting – bring your swaps or items for sale. This can be a great club facility if we all use it.

Single membership - \$58.00 p.a.

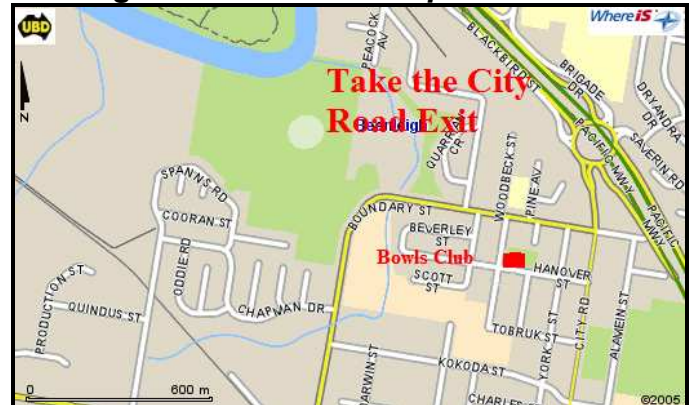
Family Membership - \$78.00 p.a.

Student (over 16) - \$20.00 p.a.

Child (under 16) no parent in club- \$20.00

Child (under 16) parent in club- \$10.00

Meeting Room Location Map:



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TRIPS CALENDAR 2008

Home Trips

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	Pimpama River	20th	Mangrove Jack / Flathead	Gold Coast		Craig Milne
February	Southern Moreton Bay Islands	24th	Snapper	Redland Bay		Mark Veivers
March	Mid Nerang	16th	Bream / Mangrove Jack	Gold Coast		Kevin Ford
April	Hinze Dam	20th	Bass	Gold Coast		Jeff Maddalena
May	Brisbane River / Mud Island	18th	Snapper	Brisbane		Dave Dennis
June	Peel Island	22nd	Snapper	Cleveland		John Cumberland
July	Jumpinpin / Marks Rocks (special)	13th - 16th	Jew	Cabbage Tree		Tom Wallbank
August	Moogerah Dam	17th	Bass	Boonah		Glen Kennedy
September	Albert River	14th	Bass	Beenleigh		
October	Logan River	5th	Jew	Beenleigh		Lloyd Willmann
November	Pimpama River	9th	Flathead	Gold Coast		Dave Dennis
December	Jabiru Island	14th	Mangrove Jack / Flathead / Cod	Gold Coast		

Away Trips

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	N / A					
February	Borumba Dam	22nd - 24th	Saratoga / Bass	Imbil	Borumba Deer Park 07 5484 5196	John Eldred
March	Noosa River	23rd	Queenfish	Noosa		
April	Upper Albert & Logan	12/13th	Bass / Cod	Kerry		Lloyd Willman
May	Maroon dam	24/25th	Bass	Boonah		Jeff Maddalena
June						
July	Pumice stone Passage	12th - 13th	Snapper	Donnybrook		Neil McNeil
August	Fraser Island					
September	Tweed River / Chinderah	12th - 14th	Flathead/Bream	Chinderah		John Cumberland
October	Clarrie Hall Dam / Top of Tweed River	11th - 12th	Bass	Murwillumbah		Jeff Maddalena
November	Monduran	8th - 15th	Barramundi	Gin Gin		Ross Williamson
December						