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# NEWSLETTER

**JULY, 2009**

### TRIP REPORTS

- Peel Island
- Ballina



**Julian Ford with this impressive Tusk Fish  
caught 10km out from the Seaway**



**Tech tip: Blades**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2009 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.**

**Acknowledgement:** This Newsletter was kindly copied by Brett Raguse, member for Forde, at no charge to the club. Special thanks to Mr Raguse for his kind assistance.

**GUEST SPEAKER-** This month our guest speakers are club members Tom Wallbank and Dave Dennis. The Nights talk will be on Flathead fishing. Our two club experts we be sharing a few tips for fishing the Jumpinpin area.

**JULY TRIPS-** The July club trip is the annual Mulloway trip to the Jumpinpin This is from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a mid week trip and Tom Wallbank is trip captain. Accommodation is on Tom's charter boat and is limited although club members are welcome to join up and fish at any time. Call Tom if you are interested on 0412 759 332.

The Bribie Island sports fishing club Snapper challenge was to be on the first weekend in July but has been postponed. It may be held in August at this stage.

**MID YEAR SOCIAL EVENT-** our mid year party is at the Gem Hotel at Staplyton. We need to know who will be attending and on what date it will be held. This will be discussed at the July club meeting so Craig Milne can make the booking. It is a great night for the family to come along to with wonderful food and tall stories.

## **PEEL ISLAND / MORETON BAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

By Jeff Maddalena

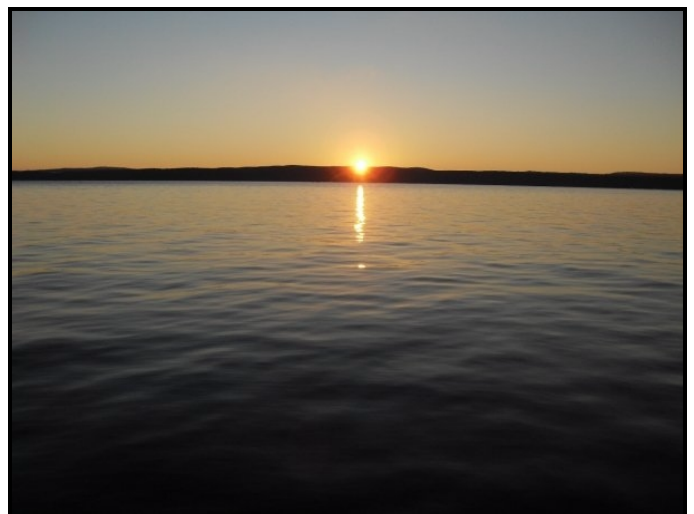
This month's trips to Peel Island and Ballina had to be swapped due to the recent flooding of the Richmond River. The Peel Island trip was brought forward to the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of June but the weather was not looking to good for Sunday with storms predicted. It was decided to head out from Redland bay early on Saturday morning.

Only six club members attended this trip to take advantage of the perfect bay conditions. Trip captain John Cumberland and Neil McNeil. Bob Hartley fished with Nakia Melody, Kevin Ford and Myself.



Everyone was up early hoping to land a good size Snapper. I was the only one not to launch from the Redland boat harbour. I launched from Point Talburpin and fished the southern end of Macleay Island in the canoe.

JC and Neil caught a few undersize Snapper early in the morning around Potts point casting soft plastic around the reef. And Neil caught another small Snapper drifting in the channel later n in the morning. They also fished beside Kevin Ford for a while. Kevin is going through a squid thing at the moment but even Kevin could not jig up a squid on the day.



Bob and Nakia had a similar story although they had managed to get on to some small cod. Nakia later identified them as juvenile Maori cod. Thanks to Nakia for sending through the sunrise pictures in this report.

*I fished at the southern end of Macleay Island. It's about a 20 minute run from where I launched. My canoe is well equipped with nav lights, but I still have to be careful and keep a lookout for boats before dawn. Lucky the only traffic is usually the occasional water taxi.*

*I was drifting soft plastics all morning with only some small picks. I was using one rod rigged with a snapback and another other heavier rod rigged with a bozo Kruncha lure. Usually the snapper will come on the bight around the top of the tide but the water was still very dirty from the recent rains and by about 10.00am I felt that it better target a different species of fish if I was going to salvage the trip.*

*I rigged an ecogear SX60F onto a bait caster rig and was now targeting Large Bream or Flathead around the sandy island shores.*

*It was not long before I had a hook up. It was surprising because it was only a slight hit. I thought a small bream attacked the lure but as I retrieved line a nice size flathead was seen on the surface. Flat head are funny fish, this one hardly put up a fight when hooked but this soon changed when it got into the net. It shook and jumped out of the net onto the canoes floor. What made it harder was it had swallowed the lure down to the gills, making it difficult to recover my expensive SX60. Finally the Flattie was on ice in the esky.*



*Time to head for home. The Redland family fishing classic was also on over the long weekend and most people struggled to catch any deceit fish. The thing to remember with bay fishing it you have to plan for your best weather and if we had left the trip on the Sunday we would have been caught in a squally Sunday morning storm. So thanks go to JC for planning a perfect Moreton bay trip.*

## **BALLINA TRIP 19<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**

*By Jeff Maddalena*

*Well, it seems that our fishing club should offer a new service to the people of Australia. We should be drought breakers! I think that if we went for a trip in the Nullarbor Desert we would still get flooded out. Ballina was no exception.*

*This trip was scheduled for the start of the month but was postponed due to flooding of the Richmond River. Over the week the North Coast received a lot of rain. Although the river did not rise, it was still murky. The wind was blowing and squally showers made fishing conditions challenging.*

*Eight members fished this trip. John Eldred, Glen Kennedy, John Cumberland, Neil McNeil, Geoff Dailey, Eddie Latz, Bob Hartley and Myself.*

*On Saturday JC and Neil McNeil found it so hard that they were forced into using yabbies for bait. This worked, as Yabbies are great bait, and a few bream and Flathead were caught.*

*Glen was fishing from his Hobie kayak on Saturday morning; kayak fishing was too uncomfortable so glen accompanied John Eldred in the afternoon. A boat is a fair bit drier in the squally conditions. Glen caught one Bream on lure.*



*Bob Hartley went out on Saturday morning with no luck and ended up leaving for home in the afternoon.*

*Geoffrey and Eddie were land based, fishing from the wall. Eddie Caught an Eel tail catfish and a Forktail Catfish. Geoff caught one undersize bream and a decent 45cm Flathead.*



*I arrived about 5.00pm and had just enough time to get my gear in the cabin and then it was down to the camp kitchen for a BBQ.*

*Our local Ballina club members Tom Wallbank and Dianne Brown met us all at the BBQ. The tall stories flowed all night and JC kept the grey nomads occupied most of that time.*

*Sunday and most of the members were sick of the wind and the rain. They found that it was much drier in the cabin. Only three members ventured out. JC, Neil and Myself.*

*Although I was casting all morning I only had one Bream strike on a jackall chubby. JC and Neil were starting to catch a few decent bream in the protected area behind the porpoise wall. These bream were caught trolling lures, with the larges coming in at 31cm.*

*My casting arm was getting sore so I too started trolling and it was not long before I caught my first and only bream. It must have been hungry because it nailed a 60mm lure, an Ecogear SX60F.*



*That about wraps up the weekend. Thank goes to John Eldred for stepping in as trip captain and organizing the accommodation.*



## BLADES

There is no doubt one of the latest crazes in Lure fishing is the emergence of metal blade style lures. Blades have been a progression from small vibration baits and lipless crank baits like the Jackalls.

Blades also offer a crossover between fishing deeper water with soft plastic and shallow water with a hard body lure.

Usually described as Vibration baits, Blades as they are generally known, are a thin metal profile lure weighted and shaped at the head end. The profile is of a small baitfish, a wide variety of colours and features like 3D eyes and quality hooks. A wide variety of finishes exist as well, with metallic flashy colours and matt finishes being used across brands to appeal to the angler.

With the ability to be fished many ways, Blades can be very effective in a slow roll presentation, vertically jigged, trolled or hopped along the bottom. Fish them as you would a Spinnerbait, a soft plastic, a jig or any hard body lure. The common luring techniques are still used.

Blades usually have a single tow point or a series of tow points along the top. The advantage of the multiple tow points allows for different actions from the lure by moving the tow point forward or back on the lure.

The front point gives maximum action when vertically jigged or in deep water.

The middle point is used when a medium or fast retrieve is being used in shallower water or down banks.

The rear point gives maximum action on a slower retrieve.

Generally fitted with 2x trebles or double hooks, with one hook on the rear and the other on the underside of the belly. Which hook option is best, is up for debate. Double hooks by design offer a little better snag resistance by having the hook points facing up so they are less likely to snag on the bottom. Trebles should offer a better hook-up rate.

Blade sizes also vary from around 30mm and up, with larger sizes coming onto the market often.

A 30mm blade is usually around 1/8 oz or 3.5 grams with the weight generally increasing as the length increases; this is to allow for swimming action on the drop and also the ability to stay in touch with the lure when targeting fish in faster moving or deeper water.

Varieties of sizes are now on the market and as the popularity continues to grow the number of variations in materials and size and weights are likely to continue.

Prices start from around \$10.00 and up.

If you have a Question, or would like some information on a specific topic, please let us know and we can do a Tech Tip article on it for you. Email us at [question@lureworld.com.au](mailto:question@lureworld.com.au)

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## Classifieds

**For Sale-** Rod covers made to order -\$5.00  
Call Mark on 0402 046 068

To place an ad, simply e-mail or give the Contents to your Editor.  
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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.

Mark Veivers 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)
- Ray Bricknell's Kimberly Barra Adventure DVD

## **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/>

Coast watch [www.coastwatch.com.au](http://www.coastwatch.com.au)

SEQ kayak fishing

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

Southern Brisbane Sportsfishing Club

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

## **SPECIAL DEALS**

**Danny Hughes -Fishing Tackle Restoration**

**Mobile Ph 0438 012 629**

*He also has 2<sup>nd</sup> hand good quality reels & rods for sale at all times.*

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

**R.T.L. Trailers – 3287 4241**

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

*79 Boundary Street, Beenleigh*

**Yatala Outboard Wrecking – 38072488**

*Gary and Trent specialize in used parts to suit all outboard makes and models. They also do repairs and service work.*

*7 old Pacific Highway, Yatala.*

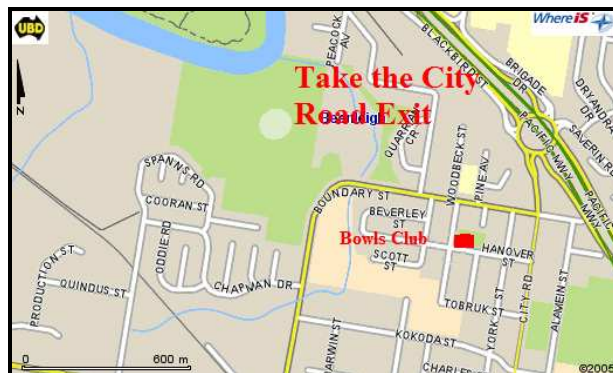
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## **NEW MEMBERS**

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**



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## 2009 SBSFC TRIPS CALENDAR

### HOME TRIPS

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	Pimpama River	25th	Mangrove Jack / Flathead			Craig Milne
February	Southern Moreton bay islands	22nd	Snapper			Mark Veivers
April	Mid Nerang	TBA	Bream / Mangrove Jack			Kevin Ford
April	Hinze	26th	Bass			Jeff Maddalena
May	Brisbane River / Mud Island	3rd	Snapper			Dave Dennis
June	Peel Island	21st	Snapper			John Cumberland
July	Jumpinpin / Marks Rocks (special)	1st - 3rd	Jew			Tom Wallbank
August	Tipplers	16th	Flathead			Dave Dennis
September	Albert River	13th	Bass			Lloyd Willmann
October	Logan River	4th	Jew	Beenleigh		Lloyd Willmann
November	Jabiru Island	1st	Mangrove Jack / Flathead / Cod			Jeff Maddalena
December	Xmas Party					

### AWAY TRIPS

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	N / A					
February	Borumba Dam	20th-22nd	Saratoga / Bass	Imbil	Borumba Deer Park 07 5484 5196	John Eldred
March	Upper Albert & Logan	21st- 22nd	Bass / Cod	Kerry	Camping	Lloyd Willmann
April	Coochin Creek	4th - 5th				
May	Maroon Dam	9th - 10th	Bass	Boonah	Camp Lakefire	
June	Richmond River	6th - 7th		Ballina		
July						
August	Pumicestone Passage	TBA	Snapper	Donnybrook		Neil McNeil
September	Tweed River / Chinderah	18th - 20th				John Cumberland
October	Glen Lyon	10 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cod	Stanthorpe		
November	Monduran	18th	Barramundi	Gin Gin		Ross Williamson