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NEWSLETTER

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**Brad Baldwin with this Mulloway caught in
Moreton Bay**

Tech tip: Flathead on lures

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 7th of JUNE 2010 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.

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GUEST SPEAKER This month's guest speaker is Geoff Richardson. Geoff will be speaking on battery maintenance. We sports fishers rely heavily on good batteries to power our electric motors, so come along for some battery tips.

JUNE TRIPS - Two trips are planned for the Queens birthday long weekend. The away trip is to Ballina (11th – 14th) and the home trip is to Redcliffe on the 13th. More Information at the next meeting.

Glenlyon Dam Fish Restocking Group needs your support.

On the 1st of June and up till the 23rd June the National Land Care Awards are open for voting for the People's Choice Awards.

You may or may not know, the Toshiba Qld Community Group Award was won by the Glenlyon Dam Fish Restocking Group for a project involving research and monitoring of Murray Cod in a local border river.

Club Members Lloyd Willmann and Kevin Ford have been involved in assisting volunteer tagging efforts each 6 months for the past 2 years.

To assist in the on-going effort into Australia's largest freshwater fish the icon Murray Cod you may wish to cast your vote in the People's Choice awards.

To read more about the Project or to cast a vote, go to www.landcareonline.com.au -> News and Campaigns -> Awards

Toshiba Community Group Award or People's Choice Award

A Tree To Far – Report on the Club Trip to Lake Somerset

By Ross Williamson

The club trip in early May ventured to Lake Somerset to chase the mighty Bass. New member Mal Brown ventured up Thursday, as he needed to leave on Saturday and established the base camp near block D as planned. The majority of the other brave souls like myself arrived on Friday with a couple arriving Saturday.



The club trip was a camping trip and we stayed at the Lake Somerset Holiday Park on Kirkleagh Road Kilcoy. The same group, Family Parks that manage Lake Monduran, runs this facility. The facilities are good if a tad expensive and there was plenty of space to spread out to find yourself a spot. The location selected by the erstwhile trip captain John Eldred, near amenities block "D", was excellent with only a short 50m trip to the boat ramp. The only down side we found out later was a noisy group of Jetski yobo's who played loud music and used a generator till late each night.

Mal had fished two sessions a day before our arrival and reported that he was catching red claw in his traps. As to the fish they were not cooperating. Mal had tried many locations with little success. All other fishers had reported similar findings.

After I set up my camp I ventured out in the kayak for a look-see as I have never fished here before and trolled around the holiday park without success. John and others also ventured out and had little success that afternoon.

A lovely warm fire provided by Daniel and his family made a welcome place to chat after dinner and before venturing to bed for a planned early start to Saturday.

Saturday we awoke to a mist on the water and not wanting to risk being a speed bump to the skeeter boats and others roaring around for the fishing competition I proceeded to have a leisurely start to the day. I hit the water about 7 and proceeded to troll and cast my way up to the sticks about 4 km north of the park. Fish were indicated on the sounders of all boats at about 20 feet down but despite several changes of gear none were hooked. I finally arrived back at the ramp at 1PM after a long time sitting and pedalling with only one undersized bass. Others had similar tales of woe – except for red claw, which were funnily enough caught, in good numbers overnight but not during the day – sharecroppers at work I suspect.

Later in the afternoon I ventured out again to the trees to the south of the park and trolled and cast around them in the relatively shallow water without success.



There was a small competition sponsored by Smak lures running in the dam and the participants were having little success like us. The guys and girls in the money and prizes were winning with only 2 small bass.

An early night waited for me after dinner as I was worn out from all the pedalling, casting and a busy time at work that week.

Next morning the dawn came and there was little mist on the overcast morning – fortunate as there was not much heat to burn off any mist. I ventured out to the same trees as the previous night and trolled and cast my way around them all. All I can say is I became expert at using a tackle-back. I did get a bust off and lost my favourite purple and pink attack lure when the fish was about 5 feet from the kayak. After re-rigging and on my way back to the ramp I caught a small perch.

All in all a great social trip and a chance to socialise with other club members and families.

Well worth coming next year if we do this trip again but unlike me make sure you come up through Fernvale and don't blindly follow your GPS over Mt Glorious!

Pott's Point 23/05/2010

By Kevin Ford.

Once again the weather forecasts for a 2010 club trip seemed to be all bad.

Saturday morning the day before the trip dawned as better than expected, and all in all it wasn't a bad day at all.

Club member Brad Baldwin made the same observation and put in the call- How about tomorrow?

Going by Saturdays forecast and how the day turned out we thought we'd give Sunday a shot.

A 4.00am meeting and down to the Ramp saw us at Pott's with lines in the water at 4.30am Brad was asking how Pott's fished before sunrise, before I could answer the 1st hit for the morning and the first small jewie (57cm) was aboard.

Tagged and despatched.

Shortly after that Brad pulled the 1st snapper- just under legal- tagged and returned.

Then Brad pulled another Jew, 73cm tagged and released.

A legal snapper came aboard and shortly after again another 74cm Jew; broken tag gun needle saw this one go back with no jewellery. Most of the action was at the end of the run in and top of the tide.

We did see 2 boats travelling in the dark with their nav lights on and thought a couple of Club members may have also decided for an early/short session.

Daylight revealed there were actually 4 boats not far from us, but it looked like we were the only keen clubbies to get out of bed.

We had a quiet time as the tide slowly started to run out, but once the flow picked up another couple of small Snapper came on board and were released.

As things went quiet again we decided to try the shallows for some Squid, always a good plan B.

After around 25 minutes I pulled the first one, Brad tried the same area for another one.

We pulled 4 squid from one patch in a short time.

A bit more time and searching and we found a few more for 7 squid all up before the day's breeze took it's toll on the battery power.

We did try another drift but the SSW had certainly picked up while we were in the shadow of the point.

We were travelling too fast to fish effectively so we decided to pull the pin at 9.30am.

Summary- 3 Jew, 3x Snapper and a couple of feeds of Calamari.

Home for morning tea with at least a few brownie points intact.

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Positions Vacant!

We are now approaching the end of the club financial year. Our president and treasurer have commitments, which keep them outside Brisbane and have indicated they will not stand next year. Jeff has also asked for a rest from the newsletter editor role. I am happy to continue in the secretary role but more than willing to pass to another willing person so I can take on another role in the committee.

I ask that all members consider putting their hands up for the following critical roles or any of the other committee roles they are interested in. Below is a bit of an indication of what the senior roles entail. The first two are organised now so that they can realistically be completed on the meeting nights (except for the banking and EFT function for the Treasurer). Please approach any of us if you want more details of what workload is attached. These roles are critical if our club is to continue to grow.

President

*Chair the meetings
Signatory for EFT or cheques*

Treasurer

*Maintain the books
Receipt and organise to pay monies at the meetings
Signatory for EFT or cheques
Prepare annual balance sheet and other financial forms.*

Secretary

*Call meetings and prepare notice of meetings and prepare agendas in consultation with the president
Keep minutes of meetings
Keep copy of correspondence and other documents relating to the association
Maintain a register of members
Signatory for EFT or cheques*

Newsletter Editor

*Prepare the newsletter on a monthly basis and organise printing in Beenleigh
Mail it out to members and others on the distribution list that are not on email access*

Club Logos for Shirts and Stickers for Boats

*Michael James 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*

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.

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
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- Fishing DVD volumes 1, 2 & 7
- Flathead Study (cd-rom)
- Ray Bricknell's Kimberly Barra Adventure DVD



Targeting Flathead on Lures

For those new to Lure Fishing, one of the easiest fish to entice onto a Hardbody or Soft Plastic is the good old Flathead. If you've bait fished for flathead and think they are a lazy feeder who sucks on the bait, you'll be surprised how hard they go when caught on a lure.

Good to catch and nice on the chew, they are a sucker for an easy feed.

Flathead by nature are reasonably predictable to locate.

Any area adjacent to a sandbank or river/creek which drains at low tide is prime flathead territory.

Also the edge of deep channels, shallow weed bed, or bar entrances. Other areas are around bridge pylons, and pontoons, small rocks, mud clumps or snags on the bottom offer flathead a hiding spot to ambush their food.

If you check an area at low tide, it's easy to see any flathead lies which is a sure sign you are in the right area.

Two methods to try- Casting Soft Plastics or Hardbodies or Trolling hard body lures over a likely area.

Soft plastics- you need enough weight in the Soft plastic to be able to stick close to the bottom.

Grub tails are probably the easiest soft plastic to start with; any size from 3" to 6" will do the trick. The bigger plastics are more suited to deep water and the larger fish.

If you're using shads, you also need weight to ensure the shad swims correctly, too light and the shad will steer the jighead, you need the jig head to steering the shad.

With soft plastics, work them hard to get plenty of action, vibration and flash happening. You want to get the fish to break cover, if they break cover and expend energy to chase a feed, they'll make the most of the opportunity and they will almost certainly hit the lure.

Casting Hardbodies- Fan cast an area or creek mouth to find where the fish are holding. We like run-out tides to do this as you can cast into the

creek and retrieve back with the run of the water to the mouth and drop off where the fish are sitting facing into the runoff.

Trolling Hardbodies is also a good way to search out fish, mainly because you can cover a lot of distance and give yourself the best chance of finding where the fish are holding on a given day. Ideally you need a lure that is swimming close to or hitting the bottom occasionally. We will normally run a spread of different lures at different depths or steering the boat to keep in the depth we are working.

If we change areas we change to a lure that swim at depths that suit the different area.

Lure Colours- Everyone has their favourites. Flathead aren't very fussy on colours either. We like the more natural colours for clean water, and bright colours for dirty water.

Because most fish are lip hooked when fishing lures, you don't need a heavy trace. We generally run 12lb leader, occasionally when the bigger fish are in deep water and we are using heavy jigheads we'll go to 20lb.



Here is a likely area to find flathead, at high tide, they'll be up in the shallow water on top of the flat, as the tide drops they'll retreat to the area on the edge of the bank and wait for food to come off the flats.

*The high tide area in this photo is now a green zone, but fishing is allowed in the deeper water outside of the line of the mangroves.

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

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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.

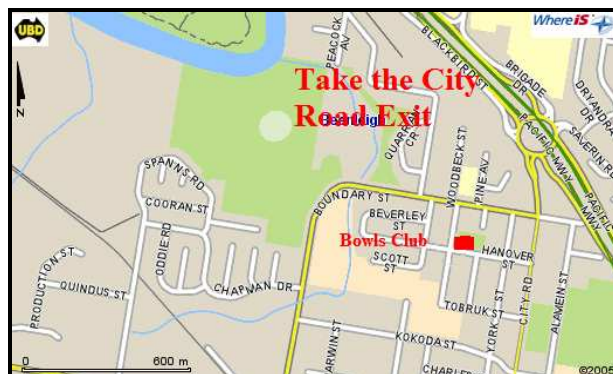
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Child (under 16) parent in club- \$10.00



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Many years ago, a fisherman's wife blessed her husband with twin sons. They loved the children very much, but couldn't think of what to name their children. Finally, after several days, the fisherman said, "Let's not decide on names right now. If we wait a little while, the names will simply occur to us." After several weeks had passed, the fisherman and his wife noticed a peculiar fact. When left alone, one of the boys would also turn towards the sea, while the other boy would face inland. It didn't matter which way the parents positioned the children, the same child always faced the same direction. "Let's call the boys Towards and Away," suggested the fisherman. His wife agreed, and from that point on, the boys were simply known as Towards and Away. The years passed and the lads grew tall and strong. The day came when the aging fisherman said to his sons, "Boys, it is time that you learned how to make a living from the sea." They provisioned their ship, said their goodbyes, and set sail for a three-month voyage. The three months passed quickly for the fisherman's wife, yet the ship had not returned. Another three months passed, and still no ship. Three whole years passed before the grieving woman saw a lone man walking towards her house. She recognized him as her husband. "My goodness! What has happened to my darling boys?" she cried. The ragged fisherman began to tell his story: "We were just barely one whole day out to sea when Towards hooked into a great fish. Towards fought long and hard, but the fish was more than his equal. For a whole week they wrestled upon the waves without either of them letting up. Yet eventually the great fish started to win the battle, and Towards was pulled over the side of our ship. He was swallowed whole, and we never saw either of them again." "Oh dear, that must have been terrible! What a huge fish that must of been!" "Yes, it was, but you should have seen the one that got Away...."

2010 SBSFC TRIPS CALENDAR HOME TRIPS

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	Pimpama River	31st	Flathead jacks			Kevin Ford
February	Sothorn Bay Islands	14th	Snapper	Redland Bay Ramp		
March	Brisbane River	14th	Snapper Tailor	Fishermans Is Ramp		Trevor Saunders
April	Heinz Dam	18th	Bass			Dave Rawlins
May	Peel Island Potts Point	16th	Snapper	Redland Bay Ramp		John Cumberland
June	Redcliffe	13th	Bream Snapper Tailor			
July	Nerang	25th	Bream Tailor	Southport	BBQ Venue TBA	Dave Rawlins
August	Snapper Challenge or Jumpinpin Tagging	14th	Snapper or Tailor Flathead Jew			Kevin Ford
September	Albert River	4th	Bass			Lloyd Willmann
October	Coomera River	24th	Jacks Flathead			
November	Moreton Bay	7th	Crustaceans Crabs Prawns			
December	Xmas Party	TBA	Beer Wine			

AWAY TRIPS

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
February	Borumba Dam	12th-14th	Saratoga Bass	Imbul	Borumba Deer Park	John Eldred
March	Carp Busters	6th-7th	Bass		Camping	Lloyd Wliimann
April	Bribie Island	16th-18th	Various		Cabin Camp	
May	Somerset Dam	14th-16th	Tagging Bass Yellowbelly	Somerset	Camping Kirkleigh	
June	Richmond River	11th-14th	Bream Jew	Ballina	South Ballina Tourist Park	John Eldred
July	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
August						
September	Tweed River Chinderah	10th-12th	Bream Flathead bass			John Cumberland
October	TBA - Glen Lyon or Monduran or Burrum Heads	8th-10th or 2nd - 9th	Cod Yellowbelly or Barra Bass or Mackerel Jacks Barra Bass		Cabin Camp or House Cabin or House Cabin Camp	Trevor Saunders or Ross Williamson or John Eldred
November	Maroon	7th	Bass		Camp Lakefire	Jeff Maddalena
December	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A