



JUNE NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting Monday 4th June

7pm Beenligh Bowls Club

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Next Meeting

A back to basics night, with all the good info on how to catch the wily Luderick or Blackfish. To be politically correct, we can't call them by the other name commonly used. John Cumberland having just returned from fishing for them at Urunga, will be telling us how to go about it, with some help from the brains trust of other members who have fished for them.

Last Meeting

I had to do a talk on rod building and repair, but to show you all the procedures in the limited time. I made a DVD on the subject. I appreciate all of you not falling asleep in the hour it took to run, but surprisingly I was complimented on it. The DVD now rests in John Eldred's club library where you can have a loan of it, or if you want a copy let me know.

Coming Trips

June Trip

We have the **17th June** at the mouth of the **Brisbane River**, a prime time for Flathead, Tailor and Snapper. If the weather smiles, and your boat is suitable, a run over to Mud Island is possible. Yours truly is the trip captain. A short rundown this meeting, and a trip sheet if I can manage it.

Membership Fees Now Due

Membership fees are now due and payable to our treasurer John Eldred. The fees are as below with no increase

Family (2 adults and 2 children) - \$70, Adults - \$60, Students 16 to 26yrs - \$20, Juniors under 16 - \$20, Juniors with parent as club member - \$10

Please pay by cash or EFTPOS

Annual General Meeting

Our meeting on the 6th of August is our AGM where we shanghai, sorry, vote in the new committee for the year. (has the year gone that fast?) If you want to stand or continue in a position, please ask someone to nominate you. Actually the work load in this club is minimal compared to other clubs (personal experience) A good roll up on the night please.

Trip Report Southern Bay by Mark Viewers

Arranged to pick up Jeff Madellena at 4.00am at his place to be at the Redland bay boat ramp at 4.30am to beat the crowd. As we were heading through Beenleigh to get on the highway, we came



Luck or Skill?

across a police car and an ambulance at the roundabout near the 7/11 petrol station before you go on the highway, and lying on the side of the road was a body with a white blanket covering it, jeez you don't see that every day. Anyway back to the trip. We got to the ramp at 4.30am where we came across Chris Lund and Trevor Saunders launching their boat, planning to head straight to the Giant's Grave for some flathead at low tide. We had another plan of attack, head straight to Potts Point for some early snapper and then head back down to Giants Grave for high water for a Jew but it didn't pan out that way. At Potts Point, with boats everywhere of course, we started fishing our soft plastic resulting in a couple

of grinders and then a couple of picks. Then **BANG**, line started peeling off my reel. We chased it to get some line back played for about 20mins on light line and we had a 1 metre Jew in the boat, wow tops for that. I got a phone call from Trevor saying that Chris got a nice flathead. I had to break the bad news to him, that we scored a nice jew, damn he thought.



Chris with his Flathead



First Jew on a lure

Jeff and I did a couple of more drifts when we decided to head down to the Salt works at the bottom part of Macleay as we did a couple of drifts then I got a small snapper and Jeff got a small hairtail,

one strange fish, then Jeff had hit on his line he played for a short while then it throw the hook. Jeff was shattered. We came to the conclusion it was a Jew. We then decided to head back down to Giants Grave when we came across Trevor and Glen drifting in and out around the boats everywhere again. We also did a few more drifts with no fish it then we all came to a conclusion that it was time to go. We arrived back to the ramp, bumping into Ross Williamson with his new fast fishing boat. Had a bit of a chat with Ross, admiring the pool table Slike deck on the stealth craft. He mentioned that he met Ray Bricknall at the mouth of the Logan River. We then all departed on our separate ways home.



Where are the billiard cues?

Cast netting the Albert for Mullet by Ray Bricknall

Several years ago I saw a couple of guys at the Paterson Road (Yatala) boat ramp with a large esky full of the biggest Mullet I had ever seen. They were so large I doubt my thumb and index fingers would have touched if I had put my hands around the head of any one of them.



Patterson Road is a long way up the Albert (almost 15 miles in the old money from the junction with the Logan). There is generally a foot or two of fresh water on top of the salt. Perhaps, like Luderick, these Sea Mullet come up into the rivers to spawn? Lloyd Willmann thinks not. Perhaps, like sharks, they come up into the fresh to get rid of parasites off their bodies? At any rate, it seems they come up into the rivers around autumn or early winter. A couple of weeks ago the Jacobs Well VMR told me about a catch of 11 Mullet with a combined weight of 21 Kg “down near the Pandanus”(?), so Dave Rawlins and I decided (in mid-May) to have a crack at them up near Paterson Road. **Dave is fantastic with a cast net!** Off we went like a couple of big kids in Dave’s little punt, with an electric motor on the back. This was “something different to do”, and we had a ball. We slowly made our way downstream along one bank, as far as my old place in Ferguson Drive, and then back up the other side. I have lived on the Albert since 1974 until late last October, and I believe the river was killed by some form of discharge into it a couple decades ago. Having had a good run of fish off the river bank for many years, suddenly I found it was almost impossible to catch **anything**. The river has been very slow recovering.

I am delighted to be able to say that this cast netting trip with Dave clearly demonstrated that the Albert River is once again alive with bait fish – and, presumably therefore, with their predators. Often a single cast netted enough bait fish for a full day’s fishing. We got Poddy Mullet, Herring, Prawns, a couple of “keeper” Bream, lots of Boney Bream, and a couple of tiny beautiful looking fish of species neither of us had ever seen before – they would have been a feature in any fish tank. Surprisingly, no Mangrove Jack, Catfish or Carp. The Bass don’t seem to come down into the salt(?), but I once netted a Carp near Paterson Road. Three or four of the Boney Bream we caught were the biggest of that species either Dave or I had ever seen. Clearly, they are thriving in this river now.



Incidentally, in all my years on the Albert I have never caught, or seen caught, a Salmon – until a week or so before this trip. I was fishing for Jew in the Logan (in the deep hole near Marks Rocks) when I saw a guy catch a very nice Salmon – at least 45 cm long. Dave then hauled a small Blue Fin Salmon out of the Albert in his cast net, so this species is apparently now breeding in this river

system. They should be the source of some good sport for our club members, as Salmon are very good fighting fish. Very fast. Whoops! I just realised I have been so busy going on about all the various species we caught that I have forgotten to mention the Mullet. Well, we finished the trip with an esky almost full of Mullet, including three almost as long as the esky, **but no Sea Mullet**. It seems we might have been a bit early for them – they don’t seem to have come up this far yet.

So Dave and I are going to give this another try in two or three weeks

A note on Sea Mullet – They run to the ocean to spawn in winter, usually on the first westerly winds, congregating at the mouths (as Tom & Mal found last year) before going sea, where the beach netters slaughter them - Ed

Social Night 26th May

I unfortunately couldn't make it, so our roving social correspondent went along to report and take some pics. A good time was had by all, so the story goes. A picture/s says a thousand words. Who is that good looking chick with the red hair?



Monduran Dam Update by the Stealth Boat Pilot

The date was the 6 – 12th of May. Ian and I headed up to Lake Monduran to try our luck with cooler weather barra. Reports from Foxy, was that fish were still to be caught in “Insane Bay” and other places where the water was warmer. Having read many reports on catching fish through winter, Ian and I were optimistic. Find the warmer water, preferably 80° F blown into the shallows by the wind. In any case my family was madly in study mode, so it was time to get out of the house.

We arrived late on the Sunday and set up camp in preparation for a start on Monday morning. There were lots of people there for the long weekend. One thing we soon discovered, is that my little black boat attracts tire kickers like flies to honey, and I had many inquiries about cost, performance, set up etc. Just a shame they were men or Ian might have got lucky. Talking to others, we were told that the fishing was tough, which was what we expected. I was looking forward to trying out my new Hummingbird 798HDci side scan sounder. On Monday we hit the water at 9am, and fished to 4pm. We trolled around to Bird Bay and then used the electric to troll and cast our way around. We then moved and trolled up Bass Strait. No success, but the new side scan auto ranging proved itself.

Tuesday all the way up to about 1km from the Kolan River bridge at the top of the dam. The water temperature was 77° F, not quite the magic 80. We caught about 10 catfish including a 55cm whopper by Ian. We saw an interesting sunken bridge about 2km south of the bridge (*probably the old Bruce Hwy Bridge – Ed*) We finished the day and off the water at 4.30 having used less than 15 litres for the 40km run up and back. Wednesday on the water again after a cool night and decided to fish Jack's and J bays for the day due to the slight wind. We trolled with the electric, casting at the weed beds. The side scanner showed white blobs near trees and and fish holding in the branches. We trolled back to White Rock for another catfish. Water temperature 77° F all day.

Finally found out where Insane Bay was, from the on line report where the action was. In the bay between C and D opposite J. This was where the guide was catching fish the previous week. We had passed him on the water with charters. Thursday, a high speed run to Insane, arriving at 9.30. Water temp near the weeds and bank 76° F. We trolled from C on the electric around the entire bay to near D, casting at trees and weeds. Only 4 catfish for the day. We didn't see the guide, but other boats were heading into B. Friday, the last throw of the dice, into B southern arm, again trolling and casting. 77° F again and another 4 catfish.

In summary, a disappointing week for Barra, but glorious weather with little wind and cool nights. All the other fishermen reported only 1 Barra, which was undersize for the week, so we weren't alone. We searched all over for the warmer water to find more active fish. We donated 3 lures to the snags, with the lure retriever working overtime. Next year maybe Awoonga or Monduran, earlier with warmer water and more active fish

(Lake Misery strikes again)

Australian Lure Expo 28/29th July

As mentioned last newsletter, there will be an Australian lure weekend held on the above date at the Fernvale Community Hall, 32 Banks Creek road, Fernvale, which is on the Brisbane Valley Hwy this side of Wivenhoe Dam. Only Aussie made lures & makers, how to demos and some fantastic collections of iconic Aussie lures. Go to lureshow.com.au for full details. Members going can probably get together and organise a car pool on the weekend.

Used Flares

John Eldred sent out a e mail regarding the consequences of out of date flares. Absolutely correct, carrying out of date flares as a backup is no go. One of the official reasons is that in an emergency you could grab an old one and it won't work (logically you would use the new ones first)

Jew Recaptures

The information from Suntag was interesting with one Lloyds tagged Jew from the Albert being recaptured at Fingal after 238 days out, growing 80mm from 238 to 450mm. A fish tagged in the Brisbane River travelled about the same distance in approx the same time and was recaptured in the Seaway.

Fishy Photos



Jeff Maddalena's Hairtail or Cutlass fish caught ay Pott's Point on the club trip.



An 86cm Flathead caught by an old mate of mine at Bli Bli on the Maroochy. Some members who used be in the Brisbane Club will recognise him. He might be coming as a visitor to Glenlyon this year.

Club Membership Information

Meeting are held the first Monday of the month, at 7pm sharp, concluding at 9pm sharp. Drinks are available at the bar.

Membership Fees – Adult single \$60, Family \$80, Student over 16 \$20, Child under 16 (no parent in club) \$20, Child under 16 (parent in club) \$10. Visitors Welcome.

Newsletters are e mailed before club meeting, copies at meeting. Please notify me of any e mail changes

Gear for Sale by Club Members

Any club member wishing to sell gear, please let me know so I can place it in the newsletter

Club Logos & Stickers – Shirts & Boats

Large & small boat stickers – Large \$6 Small \$2

SBSFC Club Logo embroidered on your shirt - \$10 - Bring to a club meeting, Back the next.

LENDING LIBRARY

The club has a number of fishing and fishing associated DVDs for hire. Available at club meetings, a \$20 deposit, refunded when they are returned at the next meeting

DEALS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Danny Hughes Fishing Restoration – Rod/Reel Repairs Ph 0438 012619

Yatala Outboard Wrecking – Specialising in used parts for all makes & models. Repairs & Servicing – Gary & Trent 3807 2488 – 7 Old Pacific Hwy

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