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# NEWSLETTER

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### Next Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 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.



**A feisty 25cm Bream From the Mangroves of the Pimpama River**

**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:**

March guest speaker will be our club president Lloyd Willmann. Lloyd will be giving us a rundown of the ANSA rulebook. This will be a great night for the newer club members and will clear up some of the more confusing rules.

**March trips:** Two trips are scheduled for March. The first is in the Nerang River; this trip has been moved forward one week to the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. Because of Easter and a Gold Coast Bream competition that is being held on Good Friday. Contact Kevin Ford on 3208 7630.

The away trip is on the Easter long weekend in the Noosa River chasing Queenfish. As yet there is no trip captain for this one, so if you are interested in attending please give an indication at the March club meeting.

## **PIMPAMA RIVER TRIP – 20/01/08**

By Craig Milne

The trip was well attended by 13 members and 2 guests, Jeff Maddalena (Editor), John Cumberland (Tagging Officer), Ross Williamson (Secretary), Garth Dale & Partner, Bryan Williamson, Mark Veivers, Glen Kennedy, Andrew Cumberland, Kevin & Rachel Ford, Bob Hartley, 2 guests that J.C gave the trip information to, and myself (Trip Captain & Trip Coordinator). With most people catching fish and everybody seeming to enjoy themselves, the odd shower that was just enough to put a damper on things sadly hampered the day.



Most people were on the water by 6.30am with the majority launching at the Diamond Head boat ramp and working their way up the river with the incoming tide. Jeff Maddalena & Myself both launched from the Kirkin Road weir and worked our way down stream. Heading off from the weir the 1<sup>st</sup> person I saw was Jeff who spent quite a bit of time casting at the snags and also the underlying mangroves but I believe from past experience that the tide was a little high for this method to produce good results in this area. After a quick chat I headed off towards what the locals refer to as the “mouth” which, in fact, is where the river first starts to open out onto the flats adjacent to the “Calypso Bay” estate. Off to my right I could see a white boat and upon getting closer saw that it was J.C & Andrew. They had stopped to check their crab pots and had already caught a couple of flathead on the

troll across the flat area between the boat ramp and the “Calypso Bay” estate. After the pots had been reset we both headed off in the same direction, down stream to the flats area.



At this point I started throwing “frangers” (soft plastics) around in the shallows for flatties but I wasn’t having a lot of luck. It was only a short time later and Kevin and Rachel were heading towards me to say giddyay, we were soon joined by Glen who arrived in a rather “stealthily” manner, after the normal chin wag and some directions given out as to how to get upstream, another boat arrived and it was Garth Dale & his partner. It was great to see Garth back on a club trip and enjoying his new boat at the same time.



I decided after a short while that a move was in order so I headed further down stream towards the “stockyards”. It was great to see Bob Hartley out joining us for his 1<sup>st</sup> club trip. (I hope that you

enjoyed yourself Bob) We just had a passing chat and said that we would catch up at the morning tea break.

I started drifting across from the stockyards and quite quickly picked up 2 flatties, one was 35cm and one 38cm. Both were caught on 3" grubs. It was not long after this I saw Ross in the distance paddling away but disappeared before our morning tea. I started to head towards the stockyards and saw Mark on the way when I was approached by the fisheries patrol. After a short chat with them (with J.C joining in) the writer started on to them about jet skiers. I was told that as we are drifting and not at anchor the jet skiers do not have to stay 60 metres from us. After some swift talking the patrol was off at full throttle, lights ablaze, to have a stern talk to a group of jet skiers that failed to recognise one small rule. Jet Ski's are only allowed in a navigable channel. As this bunch was about 1km past the last channel marker they had broken the law.



We then all stopped at the only small piece of land we could find; as the tide was so high the beach had disappeared. It was shortly after this we were shown what coming prepared really means. Jeff was heading towards us, umbrella up to stop the light shower dampening his enthusiasm and upon arriving got out a portable gas cooker, fry pan and some snags. He cooked them up on the front of Marks boat and had even bought tomato sauce with him as well.

After about a ½ hr break we all headed off. I fished for about another ½ hour and then

headed for home passing some of the members on the way. It was an enjoyable morning out and I would like to thank all of those who participated in the excursion and I am hopeful that this being the 1<sup>st</sup> trip for the year has now set precedence as to the numbers that will attend the club outings. I also think that the morning get together was a success and other trip captains should perhaps look at doing the same if the location allows for such a catch up.

## **A FUNNY DAM STORY**

**By Ray Bricknell**

One of the “joys” of living on acreage is that you need to catch and save your own water. About a year ago we had a large farm dam dug on our place.

It was difficult to position it (even for a retired Civil Engineer), because on the high side there was not much catchment area, and on the low (river) side there was the risk of it occasionally being over-topped by floodwaters. And the river is salt – not great for garden watering.

I compromised, and built it with the top of the walls and spillway just above the seven-year flood line. I asked the dozer operator to build it as large as the surrounding contours would permit, in the full knowledge that it would probably never fill. Filled to overflowing, it will hold close to 4 Mega litres.

Thankfully, the recent rain has ALMOST filled it – about another metre to go before it overtops the spillway. So we are still trying to direct every drop into it.

To this end I have run an overflow pipe about 225mm diameter from our small (ornamental) dam through the hill to discharge above the big dam. We checked it just after the small dam filled a couple of days ago, and it was running just fine. This morning, however, it was not flowing at all.

A couple of hours later, wet and filthy and covered in Cobblers Pegs, Helen and I managed to clear that pipe (it took us ages to find the heavily overgrown discharge end of it).

Helen was standing at the end of the pipe whilst I was trying to force a 25mm hose past an obstruction, which we reckoned, had to be pretty close to the outlet. **Then I heard her scream!**

When I got close enough to talk to her, she told me the "obstruction" had just come out the end of the pipe. It was an Eel about two feet long. It had apparently got to the end and found its way blocked by some grass and weeds that had grown up into the pipe.

So the new dam already has its first Eel in it, as the Eel would certainly have followed the water flow through the grass to its new home.

Ah well, that's life in the country for you.

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## **Tech Tips- Lure Colours**

With so many colours, how do you know where to start?

Here are a few pointers to get you headed in the right direction when trying to choose what lure colour stands the best chance to catch you a fish. If you are into your Lure fishing you have probably heard, "The lure catches the fish, the colour catches the fisherman"

This is probably largely true. For those new to the sport there are a few basic rules, which can help you until you have your favourite lure colours locked away and settled on.

Low light conditions= Dark lures. The theory here is based on the lure silhouette. A dark lure will stand out more against the background in low light, i.e. early morning or late afternoon and even cloudy/overcast days.

Bright Light= Light Lures. In bright sunlight light coloured or natural colours lures are a good place to start. The fish will get a good look at the lure and anything that doesn't look natural will stand out more.

Clear Water or Shallow Water= Light Lures, the fish will get a good look at your lure and leaders etc. If it looks real you may stand a better chance to attract the bite.

Dirty/Murky Water or Deep Water= Bright Lures, Just helps the fish find your lure when they are relying on vibration and smell senses to detect if there is something within range, just helps them find it.

This should give you a good starting point when trying to attract a reaction from the fish, and also what to do if the bite changes because conditions have changed during your fishing session.

**KEVIN FORD**

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## **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

*A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"*

*The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number?"*

*The grandmother in her weak tremulous voice said, "Norma Findlay, Room 302."*

*The operator replied, "Let me place you on hold while I check with her nurse."*

*After a few minutes the operator returned to the phone and said, "Oh, I have good news, her nurse just told me that Norma is doing very well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back as normal and her physician, Dr.Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged on Tuesday."*

*The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful! I was so worried! God bless you for the good news."*

*The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"*

*The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in 302. No one tells me anything!"*

## **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/>

**Southern Brisbane Sportsfishing Club**

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## **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 all the Reel / Rod Repairs for Mossop's, Fish Head etc.

### **Troy Park, Mobile Outboard Mechanic**

*Ph: 0407 198 728 – offers a discount to club members, and has been found to be of good value.*

### **Marine Welding**

Members should note that Jason Small of J & T Marine Welding is a 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.***

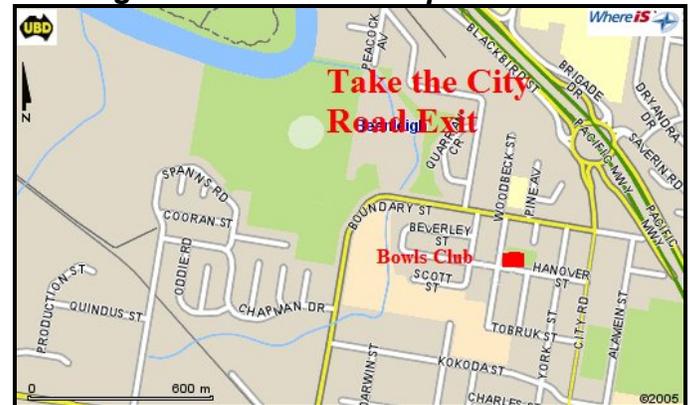
***Family Membership - \$78.00 p.a.***

***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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# CATCH OF THE MONTH



Beenleigh Bait & Tackle are open 7 days early til late. The new owners Bill & Joyce have an extensive range of fishing tackle, will take care of your rod and reel repairs and of course have live – fresh & frozen bait. Ph38072533

Don't forget to show your SBSFC membership card to receive 10% off all tackle at Beenleigh Bait & Tackle.

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*Mark Veivers caught this good size Snapper off Potts Point. This is Marks first Snapper on soft plastics. Mark fished with JC and they bagged five snapper between 40 and 50cm.*

Just email your photos to [jmaddalena@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jmaddalena@optusnet.com.au) and your prized catch will appear in the newsletter.

# 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	Maroon Dam	13th	Bass	Boonah		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	19/20th	Bass			Lloyd Willman
May						
June						
July	Pumice stone Passage	4th - 6th	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						