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NEWSLETTER

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TRIP REPORTS

- Pimpama River



Ray Sweeney heads back to the ramp after the Pimpama club trip.



Tech Tip- Hard Body retrieves

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 2nd of March 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.

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GUEST SPEAKERS- The March guest speaker is Kevin Ford. Kevin will be talking on chasing Mangrove Jack and the gear that you will need. Autumn will be the last chance to catch a Jack before the winter chill sets in.

MARCH TRIPS- Two club trips are planned for March. The first is on the 7th and 8th at Coochin Creek. This creek is halfway between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast and can be very productive. John Cumberland is trip captain. The second is the upper Albert/ Logan Bass / Cod tagging trip. This trip is organized by Carbusters and the main aim is to help with research of fish activity and growth rates in these river systems. The trip will be on the 21st and 22nd of March. Contact Lloyd Willmann ph 3287 3278

PIMPAMA RIVER TRIP

25th January By Jeff Maddalena

The first club trip of the year is always popular with members and this years Pimpama river trip was no exception. Ten members and four guests attended this trip, with some good and varied catches.

The worst thing about fishing in summer is the time you have to get up in the morning. Especially when you target Mangrove Jack. A few bleary eyed members managed to drag themselves out of bed at 3.30am to fish first light.

I arrived at Diamond Head ramp a little later than I had planned and found Kevin Ford, Mark Veivers and Craig Milne were already out fishing. They were all up the Pimpama River hoping for an early morning Jack. It was low tide at about 4.30am and just starting to run in. I was planning to fish up with them but the canoes 2hp motor decided to play up, it was still going but it lacked power and was using a lot of fuel. This caused me to fish closer to the ramp than I would have liked. So my first stop was the rock wall on the northern bank. I dropped the electric motor and trolled a gold Flatz Rat II. I trolled up a nice Jack within a minute, which measured 37cm. This fish was

destined for the frypan. A large percentage of my fish are released, so it is a nice surprise when I take one home for tea.



The lure was back in the water and it was not long before it was hit again. This time it didn't hook up. It was another Jack and on closer inspection of the lure, found that one of the trebles had straightened slightly. The sun was getting a little high for Mangrove Jack so I went to find the other members further upstream.

Mark Veivers was fishing with his brother Troy. They started fishing up the Pimpama but ended up on the sand flats where there were signs of fish activity in about a metre of water. Troy cast a popper at the swirls and was hit by a feisty little 24cm Bream.

John Cumberland and Neil McNeil were having a decent morning bagging a few keeper Flathead. Craig Milne got one flathead and donated it to JC and Neil's haul.



New club member Ray Sweeney was fishing from his kayak and was having a decent morning. He was using Yabbies and caught 4 Fork tail Catfish, one 23cm Bream and a good 34cm Whiting.



Kevin Ford and his deckie Allen Berry tried for Jack early but had to settle on a few just legal Bream. Kevin caught his fish on an Attack Minnow and out fished his fishing partner 2-0.

Another kayak fisherman Glen Kennedy had come across another patch of Forkies and hooked up two. The Pimpama river system has a very high population of Forktail. Glen didn't mind catching the catfish, they put up a decent fight but they can be a bit tricky to get off the lures.

The rest of my day was spent working the shallow mangroves for bream. The first bream was caught up a small mangrove creek. I hooked him using my live Cicada lure in about 10cm of water. This was only a small bream, but it's amazing how well they fight in the shallows.

After another bream came into the canoe, it was the cast I had been dreading. My favourite bream lure was smashed; the rod loaded up and then went slack. It was gone. It was 10.00am and time for morning tea at the stockyards. There wasn't much dry land, but

we all made do and shared some good and very sad stories from the morning. Most of the members were on their way home at 10.30am after an enjoyable morning fishing.

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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



Tech Tip- Hard Body retrieves

There are a few basic retrieves when fishing hardbody lures, we can touch on a few styles that are suited to hardbody lures. These retrieves are directed at lure casting as opposed to trolling.

On any particular day, it may be a certain retrieve has a greater effect or it maybe the area or target species requires a particular retrieve.

2 retrieves for Diving Lures

Twitch and Pause. It may be that your target species is structure orientated, in this case you don't want to pull the lure too far away from the structure, as your target won't follow the lure out. In this case, you are best to cast to or past the structure, crank the lure down until the lure is near the structure, and then employ a series of twitches and pauses. In this way the lure isn't moved any real distance but action can be put into the lure via the rod to try and initiate a strike.

The Slow roll, if fishing more open areas or structure with length. It may be a slow roll the length of the structure that will attract fish to follow the lure. A constant slow roll can be very effective to wary fish. It can draw them in. You can experiment by using a slow roll and pause, then slow roll again. Be careful of adding twitches, as twitches thrown in can sometimes actually spook any attracted fish and scare them off.

2 retrieves for Top water lures

Poppers as the name suggests are used to make a splash or bubble trail on the surface or attract fish to strike at the lure. Using a low rod tip does this and short sharp jabs to get the lure to move quickly. This action produces the splash and popping action. The retrieve can be a mixture of Pops and Pauses. So a typical retrieve could be- Cast- Sit- Pop Pop- Pause- Pop Pop- Pause- Pop- Pause- Pop Pop Pop. You may want very short jabs to leave the lure tight to the structure, or longer jabs to cover area.

Stickbaits are another common and effective lure; generally a Walk the Dog retrieve is used. Walk the Dog is a weaving action. The action again comes from the rod. The rod tip is held high and a short twitch is used to get the lure to dart to one side, a momentary pause allows the

lure to glide to the side, then the next twitch brings the lure back to the centre and another pause allows the lure to glide to the opposite side. Once the lure is walking, it is a case of short twitches and co-ordinated slow winds of the reel to stay in contact with the lure. This retrieve does take a bit of practice, but is well worth the effort. Pauses are also used to great effect, so the lure is walked and then paused, then walked again and then paused.

All these retrieves can be mixed up with different length pauses, varying the speed or the number of twitches used. The challenge can be to remember which retrieve or which part of the retrieve you were at when a strike occurs.

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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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

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

SEQ kayak fishing

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

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

Classifieds

For Sale- Rod covers made to order -\$5.00

Call Mark on 0402 046 068

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Contents to your Editor.

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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 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

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7 old Pacific Highway, Yatala.

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As the boating industry has advanced, so have they, providing to all the modern demands. Whether it is the tuning of a direct injection motor or providing the latest electronic equipment, they always aim to provide for all your boating needs. Please call and talk to their friendly staff. They also offer a 15% discount to SBSFC club members in their Pro Tackle Shop.

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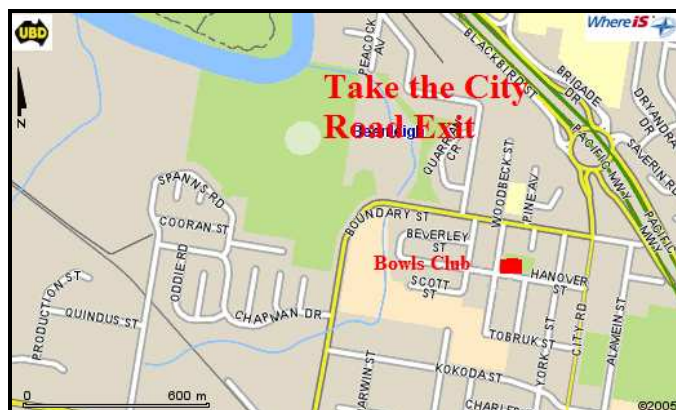
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NEW MEMBERS

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



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	TBA	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	Coochin Creek	7th - 8th				
March	Upper Albert & Logan	21st- 22nd	Bass / Cod	Kerry	camping	Lloyd Willmann
May	Maroon Dam	9th - 10th	Bass	Boonah	Camp Lakefire	
June	Richmond River	6th - 7th		Ballina		
July	Pumicestone Passage	4th - 6th	Snapper	Donnybrook		Neil McNeil
August						
September	Tweed River / Chinderah	18th - 20th				John Cumberland
October						
November	Monduran	18th	Barramundi	Gin Gin		Ross Williamson