

# SOUTHERN BRISBANE SPORT FISHING CLUB



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**MARCH NEWS LETTER** Next Meeting .. 4th April 7.00pm Monday...

## Fishing and trip reports

### **Bass and Cod Tagging trip to Kerry on the Albert.**

The trip was fairly quite with just a few fish caught and tagged, an early morning session saw a small cod tagged which was good. Mal was not feeling energetic as you can see by the photo on the right, trying to stay awake sitting in his chair while the carp ate his corn!



Here are a couple of photos of the cod I caught on the Saturday morning. It was caught on a small spinnerbait, and was 430mm long, did not find any bass though. Jeff Maddalena

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Boondooma Revisited by Lloyd Wilman

Its been 17 years since we had fished together as a group at Boondooma Dam even though I fish it regularly and JC not quite as often, Mal had not been to the dam since our videoed trip of 94. Since JC's semi retirement around Christmas, he had been pestering Mal and I about a 'dam' trip. However, the unusual amount of rain we were having literally put all dams into overflow situations and were all now the colour of the Logan River. A phone call from Flick Robertson, our long time fishing mate from Kingaroy, confirmed our fears, the dam was indeed dirty but some yellowbelly were being caught up in the Boyne timber on live shrimp and he also mentioned the dam was just crawling with redclaw.

That was enough for JC, he had Mal and I organized and we would fish Boondooma from Monday 7th to Friday 11th March to avoid the weekend madness. It turns out we made the right decision to pull the pin on the Friday as 50 odd teams were to turn up on the Friday to fish a 'Bass' comp ... you can do this when your semi retired. The plan was to travel together in JC's 4x4 with his boat in tow and I would transfer to Flick's vehicle at Kingaroy as I was to fish with him over the week stay. The trip up took somewhat longer than usual due to the amount of stops because of road repairs being carried out since the January floods, especially in the Blackbutt Range area due to many land slips.

Our arrival at the dam this time did not see us setting up at the bush camp of the Kingaroy Sportsfishing Club but the lakeside camping facilities set up by the Wondai Shire Council. Flick and I were to enjoy the facilities of the 'Pioneer Hut', a shed erected by the Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking Group, while JC and Mal set up camp a stones throw away. A couple of things we did confirm on arrival: yes, the water was dirty, the camping ground was not overcrowded with grey nomads, and the kiosk operator indicated that not many fish were being caught although there seemed to be an abundance of redclaw.

Now settled and with the boats in the water, which could quite easily be seen from the front patio of the shed, we enjoyed a quite drink while planning our attack. The first job was to set the redclaw and shrimp traps, not only to give us working space in the boats, but to see if the reclaw were trapping during daylight. Once set, we decided to work the rocky shoreline of the Stuart with spinner baits and jackals. With only one hit for a couple of hours casting, we checked a few of the traps which already had redclaw and shrimp in them. So, with a supply of fresh live bait, we anchored up on a drop off at the junction and baitfished till 5pm. Time to check pots and return to camp for the 'cook up'. Flick and I kept around 70 crays which worked out to be about average for the twice daily ritual for the rest of the week. JC and Mal had a similar afternoon but did manage a couple of 'jewies' on bait at Balancing Rock.

Tuesday morning, no 3.30 - 4am wakening by JC or Flick as per 1994, just a gentle arousal by the local bird population around 6am. A quick breakfast then into the daily routine: lift the pots, gather redclaw and shrimp, set the pots, then off to bait fish till around 11am. Flick and I fished the Boyne timber while Mal and JC fished the rocks around Dunne's Landing. A little more success, Mal and JC caught a couple of smallish goldens, silver perch and catfish, while Flick and I had one good sized golden for the morning. Return to camp, cook up the crays, eat and a couple of drinks, shell and store the crays, then prepare for the afternoon session. This was to be the ritual for the rest of the week.

This was no 1994 trip, we are all 17 years older now, the dam is at 100%, not 20%, water clarity is around 100mm, not 900mm, but there was one conciliation, the dam is now full of delicious redclaw It just goes to prove that fishing is not just about bagging out on numerous fish species or having an adrenalin rush every hour or so, but being able to enjoy the moment with old friends.-

PS. The four of us kept around 1000 crays, some very large specimens among them, as well as a couple of feeds of assorted fish.



This is looking from JC and Mal,s camp overlooking the dam and the Boondooma dam fish stocking shed. Lloyd had the luxury of sleeping in style while john and I had to rough it.



Behind me are great camp sites on the edge of the dam so you can leave your boat in the water.





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## Pimpinna River Trip

### Chasing Jacks

Lloyd and I got to the river before dawn and as soon as we were out of his truck the mozzies attracted in droves. The river was running quite clean except for one small creek draining from farm land that was spewing out red muddy water. We were fishing about an hour before low tide and would fish the bottom and then the run up. It has been a long time I fished this river so it was good to be back and hopefully catch a jack.

Not far from the ramp I hooked a good size fish and was getting excited until we caught sight of the large forktail catfish hanging on my lure. Still it was great start, I never mind what sort of fish it is, just catching one is good. Not long after I got hit with a good fish but it threw the hook as it crashed the surface.

It was quite some time since the first action, and Lloyd and I were fishing remote control and chatting about lots of stuff, when Lloyd got a big solid hit, that ended our chatting session and yes, he was really on to a nice fish. He called it for a Jack, but it took some time before it showed that lovely red coloring that jack's are so famous for. As I was in the control of the net and he was telling me "this a great jack and he did not want to loose it", that of course just put heaps more pressure on me, than I was already under, thank you very much!!

The jack went 48 cm and a personal best for Lloyd. He was like a kid in a candy shop, all hyped up and pleased as punch. I was too, as sometimes it does not matter if the fish is not yours, just the whole experience is so fulfilling.

We fished hard for while, I was changing lures and looking in my tackle box when I remembered many years ago fishing cardwell with trevor saunders and he told me BLUE was a good color. Lloyd thought it odd that I attached a bright chrome blue rebel wee R to my snap and he never said anything just smiled. It did the trick, not so big but my first jack for many years, and it felt so good, I decided as it was legal to keep this one for a meal as I do remember how good jack's taste. Of course did not change the lure hopping this was my magic color.

We bumped into Kevin and Brad coming up the river and they told us no jack success but a few bream, flathead and whiting at the mouth of the creek.

We worked hard casting lures to all kinds of snags and even to some steep bare banks, but that seem to be it for the day, we closing in to the launching area and lloyd was tidying up the boat and casting out into the middle of the river cleaning up his spool, when I thought one more cast.

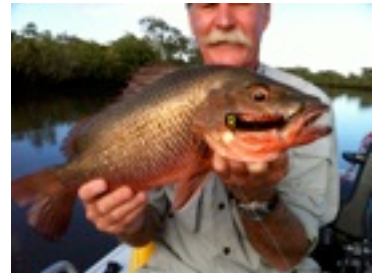
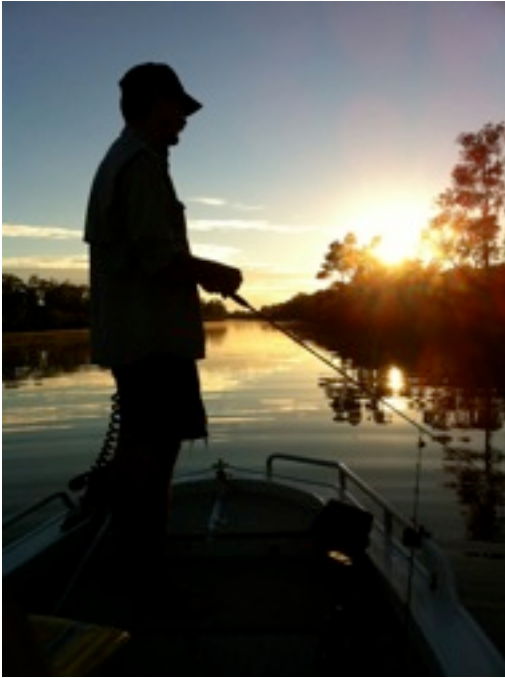
I did not see the tree under the water, it was hidden at first but that was this a big jacks home, and my little blue lure invaded his space and he just had to eat it!, and I mean eat it!! He hit like a freight train, as they do, and went back home into a million branches of his tree. Pulled hard at first to get him out there, and then I just let him think he was free, and that did the trick, he was out in open water and circling the boat. I was in total panic mode when I first saw the fish as it looked as big as Lloyds and now Lloyd was under pressure to bring this lovely fish into the boat. He did of course and it was 47cm, my PB one centimeter under Lloyd's, always the diplomatic fisherman, letting the captain get the biggest fish.

Just a great day out!

Mal



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We did another trip the following week hoping to repeat our success but no jacks. A bonus was this lovely spotted cod that lloyd caught. What we did see was schools of large river prawns jumping ahead of the boat. Would have been good if we had a cast net in the boat LLOYD!!!!



Thought you yaka guys might like to see this pic. There where three rods sticking out of his rucksack. That's what I call keen..Outside BCF



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## Curry recipe from Lloyd from the lips of his dear old Ma !

Red Claw Tails..

- 1 tablespoon of butter, 1 apple chopped fine, 1 onion chopped fine
  - fry until tender,
  - add 1 tablespoon s/r flour stir in,
  - add 1 and 1/2 teaspoons of curry powder, plus salt and pepper to taste and let it cook (keep stirring) for a couple of minutes.
  - add 2 cups of milk, stir till boils, add 1 cup of cooked macaroni - heat through,
  - add cooked redclaw tails (chopped to whatever size pieces you want - you can substitute prawns/tuna or whatever), turn down and simmer
- Serve on toast or with cooked rice or whatever you fancy will feed 4, hope you can follow this gentlemen ???



Lloyd



## 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.

### Classifieds

**For Sale-** Motorguide Bow mounted electric motor, Foot Control. Hardly Used! 54lbs freshwater model. \$350. Good Condition. Contact Mal on 0402 901 511

**For Sale-** Fly Fishing Vest (Made by Englands) Polar Insulated and fitted with an inflatable Life preserver Pull to inflate or inflates on water submersion. Short Type, Green and in a as new condition. Size M. Original Purchase price 350 English pounds. Offers .Contact Mal on 0402 901 511

**For Sale-** Fly fishing rods and reels plus other jackets Contact Mal on 0402 901 511

To place an ad, simply e-mail or give the info to Mal Brown. [brownpipe8@gmail.com](mailto:brownpipe8@gmail.com)

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## Lending Library List

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	Flathead Study (cd-rom)
Gently Does it when releasing fish - booklet and DVD	Queensland's Offshore Fishing Guide (NAFA / Tourism Queensland)
Gillies Introduction to Fly Fishing	Evinrude Etec DVD
Squidgy Secrets - Part 1 Basics	Zed Lure field test series 2004 parts 1 to 4
The Kayak Fishing Video (On DVD)	Fishing DVD volumes 1, 2 & 7
Basic Bait Fishing (DVD)	Ray Bricknell's Kimberly Barra Adventure DVD
Queensland's Freshwater Fishing Impoundment Guide (NAFA / Tourism Queensland)	

### NOTE: - *The Bowls Club has a Bar.*

Serves tea and coffee, also has food if you get there early. Plenty of parking.

### Swap or sell table

**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**

**New Members please note meetings start at 7.00pm on the first monday of the month.**

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 7:00pm. Single membership - \$60.00 p.a. Family Membership - \$80.00 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

### USEFUL NUMBERS & WEB SITES:

SE Qld Boating Weather 1300 360 428: Qld Marine Warnings 1300 360 427: Fish watch Hotline 1800 017 116  
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 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/>

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