



MARCH NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting Monday 4th March

7pm Beenligh Bowls Club

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Next Meeting

If you want to know how to service and look after your fishing reels, we have Danny Hughes coming along to give us some tips on reel maintenance

Coming Trips

March 17th – A Logan River trip, from Carbrook down to the mouth for Jew, Jacks etc. Lloyd Willman is the trip captain.

April 12/13th – Our Maroon Dam weekend, camping at Camp Lakefire. Jeff Maddelana is the captain as usual.

May 19th - Southern Bay trip around the bottom of McLeay and around Russell Island, Giants Grave and the Logan mouth. Species targeted, Flathead, Tailor, Jew, pretty well any estuary species that time of year. The trip captain is the big Jew expert?, Mark Vievers.

Trip Reports

Well, what can I say, what a #### start to 2013. Rain, floods, rain and more floods. The Borumba trip went down the river literally. McLeay Island was doubtful to the last moment, but the forecast was a bit off. I don't think anyone went. The Somerset trip is now cancelled because of all the SE dams are closed to all water activity from flood runoff. I'm off to Glenlyon for 2 weeks to find some clean water for a change (fingers crossed). The only report is from Tom who spent some time down there in February.

SUMMER AT GLENLYON DAM

by Tom Wallbank, assisted by Di

A southerly change arrived at Glenlyon Dam the day before we did, bringing with it about 50 mm of rain. This is the norm when I go anywhere near a dam, a southerly accompanies me. While this did affect the fishing until the weather warmed up, the rain did have a positive, Sunwater stopped letting water out of the dam. Two weeks previously the dam had dropped from 86% to 74% to feed the cotton and Lucerne farmers. On one day alone the dam fell by 45 cm. The southerly persisted for most of the first week making it hard for both lure and bait fishing. However a few Goldeneyes were caught each day, but not many Cod. On the day we arrived, two kids on a kayak caught a meter Cod, forcing them to paddle ashore to land it. A few days later a nomad cast a spinnerbait into a flock of feeding Cormorants and connected

up to a 74 cm Cod sitting underneath. Proves that when things are tough its worth trying anything.

Lloyd Willmann and John Wade or 'Wadie' to those who know him, arrived for a week as the fishing began to improve, along with the weather. While the Yella catch rate was increasing, the Cod were still hard to find. Six days had passed before I landed the first Cod, only 465 mm, but still a Cod. Time to bring out the secret weapon – a two ounce purple spinnerbait I had Trevor Saunders make for me, specifically for trolling. This was its first swim and only had been bumping along the bottom for half an hour when a 61 cm Cod took a fancy to it. A fluke? Maybe.



By now the Golden were on the chew and we all had our bag limit. Time to concentrate totally on Cod. Mid-morning the following day as we came around a point, Lloyd and Wadie were slowly motoring out of a small bay. Lloyd had difficulty disguising his excitement, and when he held up an 84 cm Cod (which took a liking to a black and white Garra lure) I understood why. The only Cod for the day, although I did miss my chance

about an hour later when I was hit hard only to once again have my lure hanging on some Cod's trophy wall. I tried looking at it positively by telling myself that losing a lure to a fish is better than losing it to a snag. I still didn't feel any better.

We woke the next day to the best weather for fishing of the trip. Hot with light variable winds, storm clouds were starting to loom in the distance as we launched our boats with high expectation of catching Cod. A wild storm swept across the dam preceding a southerly change which cut our day short. But beforehand Lloyd and I had landed and tagged a couple of small Cod. The rest of the day we were entertained by heaps of yellas. Dianne and I netted 23 and missed several others. Lloyd and Wadie had a similar story. However 'secret weapon' couldn't score (maybe it was a fluke!) as all our fish were caught on hard bodies.



The southerly blew all night and was still blowing when the blinkers opened in the morning. It was Lloyd and Wadies last day and we headed up the dam to find some shelter from the wind. The change certainly had affected the fishing as by lunchtime no one had even had a hit, never alone a fish. Mid-afternoon, rounding a point at the end of Cod run, I landed a Golden on a large hard body lure ensuring the day was not going to be fishless. Secret weapon had still not scored since its first Cod a few days ago. I decided to turn back and troll over the same area paying particular attention to a few interesting areas I had found earlier. Lloyd and Wadie continued further up the dam where they came across a school of Yellas which provided them with some fund to end their trip. The sun was low in the sky and I could see half meter waves being blown around the point by the strong southerly winds. I no sooner thought that I haven't long to catch another fish when I received a violent jolt on the rod – yes, no mistaking that – a Cod. Two minutes later a 77 cm Cod was lying on the deck. Cod number two for 'secret weapon'. Another fluke!

The southerly was still howling when Lloyd and Wadie were packing up the next day and did not look like letting up. By mid-afternoon the wind eased a bit so I headed out on the dam, but was confined to sheltered bays where I picked up a few Yellas on the large hard body lure. The wind began to pick up as I headed around a point into choppy water, thinking it was time to head back when the rod suddenly bent – this time a 68 cm Cod. Number three for 'secret weapon'. A fluke maybe, lucky yes. The following day, my last, was a carbon copy of the previous, only this time it was the hard body that scored the Cod.

It was another successful trip landing 52 Golden and seven Cod, four of which were legal. Black, and black and white lures scored the most fish followed by purple, then green.

While we were at the dam Lloyd, one of the foundation members of SBSC, presented Brian and Debbie Dare the proprietors of Glenlyon Dam Tourist Park, with their club and ANSA memberships along with a mounted lure, in appreciation of their hospitality provided to club members when they visited. As you can see by the smiles on their faces, they were more than pleased.

Looking forward to more happy days at Glenlyon.

Tom and Di



Don't forget the Carp Buster Day at Wyalong Dam

LAFMA has Sunday, March the 9th 2013 as the Carp Buster competition day. For details go to the LAFMA website. Mal would appreciate some bodies on the ground to help out.

ANSA Queensland E newsletter. As most of you will have seen, the new ANSA newsletter now is being sent out on line. It looks great, and will be a great medium for clubs and members to promote sportfishing and communication between the same.

Membership Information

Meetings 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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