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NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 5th of May 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.



Kevin Ford working the snags of the Upper Albert River on the Carpbusters tagging trip at Kerry.

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Guest Speaker:

This month's guest speaker will be Kevin Ford. Kevin will be speaking about an introduction to fishing with lures. Kevin is the man behind Lureworld and writes the Tech Tip section in this newsletter. This talk should benefit new and old members alike, covering the basic do's and don'ts of lure fishing.

May trips: The first of our May trips will be around the Brisbane river/ Mud Island area. This is on the 18th of May and will be targeting Snapper. Trip captain for this one is Dave Dennis. Give Dave a call on 0410 579 489.

The second is an away trip to Maroon Dam on the 24th / 25th of May. Maroon is the ideal spot to target surface fishing for Australian Bass. We are also planning an Eel tail Catfish session on Saturday night. The club will be booking two cabins at Camp Lake fire. Jeff Maddalena is trip captain, so if you are interested please call 33826540 and confirm your spot.

SOUTHERN BRISBANE – CARPBUSTERS

TAGGING WEEKEND, 12TH 13TH APRIL

By Lloyd Willmann



The 'Carp Out – Natives In' concept was started by a small group of concerned anglers in the Rathdowney/Beaudesert area to get introduced noxious carp out of the Logan and Albert River systems and replace them with native fish. Carpbusters have run seven successful Carp Eradication Competitions since 1997, and removed more than 10 tonne of carp from the rivers. With money raised and help from the Recreational Fishing Enhancement Program run by DPI&F, Carpbusters have released a total of 460,000 Australian Bass and 40,000 Mary River Cod fingerlings into the Upper Logan and Albert Rivers since 1998.

In 2006, Carpbusters applied to DPI&F for a research project on the stocked Bass and Cod. Once approval was granted and some funding secured, Carpbusters commenced their Bass and Cod-tagging program. In the research application, SE Qld ANSA clubs were listed as participants in the tagging part of the project. Last year, the subject of having a tagging weekend involving SE Qld ANSA clubs was raised at a Carpbusters meeting and the rest is history.

Conditions in the Upper Albert and Logan systems changed a fair bit after the January floods. Holes that were once deep and held fish were no longer firing; others had been created but also seemed to lack fishy structure. The local

young guns were having a tough time catching and tagging fish, their numbers were right down, and things did not look good for a productive weekend.

On the Wednesday prior to the weekend, Mark Ward, Carpbusters president and property owner at Kerry, Mitchell Perry, Carpbusters members and one of the local young guns and I toured the area from Kerry Bridge to the Lost World talking with local property owners and selecting locations we would start groups from on the Saturday. A rough plan was devised.

The Weekend

It was around 7.30am when I arrived at Mark's property entrance, fixed Southern Brisbane's banner to the fence and proceeded to his house. Mark and I were having our first coffee when the troops started to arrive. Brad was the first of many, so it was time to move down to the river and start setting up camp.

The camping area was set on the bank of a largish hole some 150 meters long. By 11.15am, most had arrived, set up camp and were now waiting for fishing action. Those that had arrived earlier wasted no time putting their fishing tackle together and 'frothed the water to a foam'. With a quick lunch out of the way, it was time for the briefing session by Mark who introduced himself, other Carpbusters members, then set the ground rules for the weekend. Most of the local property owners had been advised and made aware of what was going on so that there would be no cause for shouts of "trespass".

Those that had canoes or kayaks were allocated the large sections of river that were not accessible from the bank, and those who were to walk the banks in groups of 2 or 3 were allocated sections. I have never seen so many fishers disappear so quickly, all keen to come in contact with their first Mary River cod.



After everyone had been allocated their sections and moved out, Kevin and I drove to the bridge at the school and commenced our walk. On my second cast I came up tight on a Bass that had followed my lure on the first cast, however, after landing the fish I was trying to remove my tag gun from its pouch when the fish slipped from my grasp and it was gone. The day had warmed up and we thought this was going to be the start of a magic session. How we were wrong. As the afternoon progressed, sighting of large Carp, small Bass and Eel-tailed Catfish became the norm, but fish captures eluded us till just on dusk. Kevin managed a 30cm bass on a small surface lure.

When we arrived back at the camp, it was standing room only as local property owners had gathered, all fishers were back and everyone was having a drink, eating and discussing the afternoon's fishing.

I don't have the full catch list for the afternoon, but I believe most anglers, hooked or landed at least one fish. Three cod were captured and released, two wearing new cosmetic jewelry, the other having already been tagged.

The evening went well as it usually does on camping trips, a few drinks, a bit of conversation and looking forward to the morning's session. I was not woken from my deep sleep by birds singing or dingo's howling, but by persistent conversations that I thought were coming from a car radio. No, it was Eddy and Geoff having early morning discussions and JC and Trevor having a coffee around the fire, just what one needs at 4.30am – 5am on a Sunday morning.

After a quick breakfast, it was to plan B with some deciding to stay around the river on Mark's property, some decided to re walk sections done the previous afternoon, and at least four groups crossed the hill into Christmas Creek on the Logan River system. Brad once again ferried the local young guns to Christmas Creek who again jumped sections and fished the main holes up to the National Park without much success. Although Kevin, Mark and I fished some magic holes, we only ended up with three bass for the morning's effort. On our walk back to the vehicle, Brad and the young guns pulled along side on their way back from the National Park. Although they had fished some of the better Cod/Bass holes in that part of the system, they had only tagged one Bass.



As it was getting late in the morning, we headed back to camp to find that a lot had packed up and returned home. Those that remained to pack up expressed the success of the weekend, not so much from the fish tagged point of view, but from the social, interaction side of things. A quick count of fishers that attended, not including locals or Carpbusters was 24, made up of 15 Southern Brisbane members, 6 visitors and 3 Bribie Island SFC members.

Our thanks go out to Bribie Island's Peter, Ray and his son for supplying, erecting and dismantling the marquee on the weekend, and to Mark Ward and his family for being perfect hosts. I'm sure this will not be the last trip to Kerry.

HINZE DAM TRIP 20TH APRIL

By Jeff Maddalena

The Hinze Dam trip was well attended with 8 members and 3 guests. Everyone was out of bed early and at the boat ramp at 5.30 am with one exception. Eddy Latz and his daughter Allison missed the turn off and ended up on the wrong side of the dam. They arrived at 7.00am.

The strong wind that was blowing on Saturday had eased overnight and was forecast to be about 12 knot on Sunday. There were a few showers on Sunday morning but they were very light and did not last for long.

I was first on the water and as I was pulling away from the shore Ray Bricknell yelled a warning "first out gets no fish!". This had me worried, I thought that he had placed a curse on me. But it was not long and I had hooked my first Bass. This was caught while trolling a Jackall TN60 and measured in at a massive 18cm.

There were some arches on the sounder off one of the points near Rippers Reach and a couple of boats pulled up and were catching Bass on spinner baits. The Bass were only on the bite for about 15 minutes at a time. Dave Rawlins and Ray Bricknell soon found this out with Ray catching 3 Bass in a row on live shrimp and Dave catching 2, one on a spinnerbait. Dave said that it was 45cm but when it was measured later at the boat ramp it had shrunk 5cm.

I finally found a spot where there was some surface action. The cicada surface lure was cast at the grassy bank and was soon attacked by a Bass. Still only small at 21cm but still an exciting hook up. Along the bank at bit further a boof was heard on the waters edge. I snuck up and cast about a meter from where I saw the movement and the Cicada was hit again. This time it was 33cm. This Bass had inhaled the lure taking it right in it's mouth. I had 3 or 4 more surface hits in this area but no more hook ups.



There were two kayaks on this trip Glen Kennedy and Ric Attard. Not much luck for these guys with any fish to speak of. This was Ric's first club trip and the first in his kayak. It may be a few trips before Ric gets used to fishing from his new kayak, hopefully our club can help him on his way. Soon he will be hauling meter long Barra on to his lap.

Kevin Ford was out fished by his daughter Rachel again. Rachel caught two small Bass on a Quote" little pink thingy ". For your little pink thing lures contact Kevin at www.lureworld.com.au.

Another daughter to out fish her Dad was Allison Latz. Allison caught a small Bass on a worm and was helped by her dad Eddy to haul it in. Good to see some young ones coming along for a club trip.

Peter Thompson was kind enough to offer a deckie spot to Mick Burton. Peter had trouble all morning. Batteries, motor and sounder had failed during the morning, leaving Peter a bit deflated.

The few who had stayed for the BBQ lunch said that they had a really good morning out. Thanks goes to Mark Veivers who had given us a loan of his portable gas BBQ and all the club members who attended the Hinze dam trip.

JUMPINPIN MULLOWAY TRIP UPDATE

Tom Wallbank needs to know definite numbers that will be attending the Jumpinpin trip. As Tom will have to hire a larger boat for if the numbers are up. Please confirm your booking with Tom at the next meeting.

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Tech Tips- Hooks

I guess we have all fished with hooks we know we should have changed before we started a session, and some will have lost or failed to hook up on a fish as a result.

It doesn't matter if it is Doubles, Trebles or Jigheads, Things to consider are- Clean; Sharp hooks penetrate easier than rusty versions.

If you are fishing Soft Plastics, which are scented, a lot of the time the scent in a Soft Plastic is actually a salt in the plastic. So if you are in the habit of leaving your plastics rigged on the jighead, you may suffer a hook failure due to pitting corrosion where the Hook comes out of the Plastic.

Fine gauge hooks also require less effort to set, and the decision as to use Heavy or Fine gauge hooks should be based on what you are fishing for and how much drag you will be carrying.

To protect yourself and your rod from damage, it is a good idea to de-rig at the end of a fishing session. When you do this is also pays to wash your lures in fresh water and let them dry before storing them away.

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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JOKE OF THE MONTH

A loud pounding on the door awakens a man and his wife at 3 o'clock in the morning.

The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

'Not a chance,' says the husband, 'it is 3 o'clock in the morning!' He slams the door and returns to bed.

'Who was that?' asked his wife.

'Just some drunk guy asking for a push,' he answers.

'Did you help him?' she asks.

'No, I did not, it's 3 o'clock in the morning and it is pouring out there!'

'Well, you have a short memory,' says the wife 'can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!'

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pouring rain. He calls out into the dark, 'Hello, are you still there?'

'Yes' comes the back the answer.

'Do you still need a push?' calls out the husband

'Yes, please!' comes the reply from the dark.

Where are you?' asks the husband.

'Over here on the swing!' replies the drunk.

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/>

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He also has 2nd 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 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.

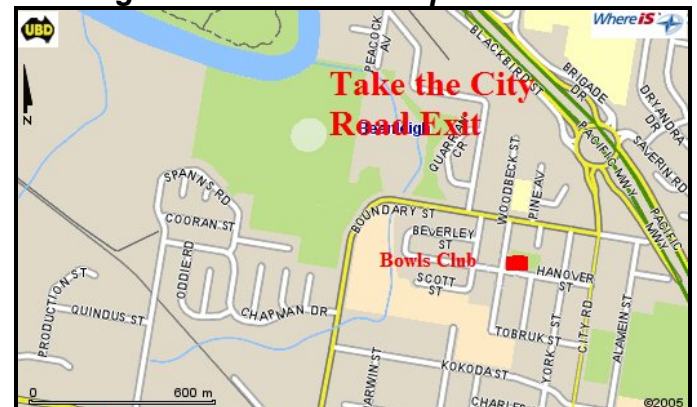
Family Membership - \$78.00 p.a.

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.

Email - billbrunswick@mail.dodo.net.au

Web- www.beenleighbaitandtackle.com



Dave Rawlins with his 40cm Hinze Dam Bass, this Bass was caught using a spinnerbait and was the biggest fish caught on our club trip to Hinze Dam.

Just email your photos to 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	Hinze Dam	20th	Bass	Gold Coast		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	12/13th	Bass / Cod	Kerry		Lloyd Willman
May	Maroon dam	24/25th	Bass	Boonah		Jeff Maddalena
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						