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Newsletter

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Next Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 7 November, 2005 at 7:30pm (even if it's a public holiday) at the Neighbourhood Centre, Mansfield Walk, Beenleigh.

The venue can be accessed for off street parking via Kent Street (up the laneway between the Police Station & the Kindergarten), or via James Street, just South of the Court House. Otherwise, park in James Street and walk in beside the Gold Coast City Council branch office, to the rear. See access map further on in Newsletter.

NOTE:- We have a Bar. *Please remember the new gear swap table at the meeting – bring your swaps or items for sale.*

MEMBERSHIP FEES– Renewals for 2005/6 are now Overdue.

Single membership is \$55.00 p.a. - Family Membership is \$75.00 p.a. (Subject to review by ANSA for 2005/6 year). Please pay at the September meeting if not yet paid.

Guest Speaker:

In preparation for the club trip to Lake Monduran from the 2nd to 9th of December, and the “Splinter Group” trip to Lenthall’s Dam via Maryborough on 9-10-11 December (led by our President), both trips chasing impoundment Barra and Bass, Barra Expert WARREN STEPTOE will be our Guest Speaker this month – DON’T MISS IT!

Acknowledgement: This Newsletter was kindly copied by Kay Elson’s office at no charge to the club.

November Trip: 13-14 November, Maroon Dam chasing Bass. John Eldred is Trip Captain, and the Trip Sheet will be available at the November meeting.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The winner of the 2005 Annual Tweed River Trip largest Bream caught off the Homestead Caravan Park is Geoff Daley 36 Commonsense Manifesto. Congratulations, Geoffrey! (Did you use cooked chicken skin?)

HAVE YOU “ICED” YOUR MOBILE PHONE YET? IF NOT – DO IT NOW! It just might save your life.

Note: The three pictures on this page have been deleted for emailing because they made the file too large – please check the hard copies at the November meeting if you are keen to see them. (Dolphin Meets Dog and New Orleans Alligator).

(Thought I would throw in a couple of “different” pics this month - Ed.)

Quote from October 2005 Edition of Queensland Fishing & Boating Monthly page 28, courtesy of Ross Williamson:

“Lake Monduran Barra are Biting by Jason Medcalf

Monduran has been fishing very well of late, with plenty of 60-85cm Barra being taken in the dam. The shallow water around the fringes is the best place to try, and large shallow running lures are doing the job.

I had a trip out there recently and managed to tangle with a couple of fish.

My fishing partner for the day, Geoff Beyer, raised around seven fish, but unfortunately only put one in the boat as he hooked them in the heavily timbered area. Geoff's technique is he casts right in tight in the shallows where the timber meets the banks, which means that when the fish hits, it is usually already in the timber. It is a very effective method, but has a high mortality rate for lures.”

Flathead Survival Project

Preliminary report from Ian Brown at DPI Fisheries Research:

There were about 34 anglers and 15 boats involved in the exercise, and all up 176 flathead were tagged. One escaped immediately after tagging, leaving 175 'experimental' fish. 33% of the fish were caught on lures, 27% on circle hooks and 39% on J-hooks.

Of the nine fish that died (5% of the total), four had been taken on J hooks, three on circles and two on lures. About 94% of the J-hooked fish survived, and the same percentage of circle-hooked fish, compared to 96.5% of the lure-caught fish.

I suspect that some of the observed mortality was due to handling and

transportation conditions, and overall I think it was a good result. It remains to be seen how significant some of the differences actually are - this will have to await the main statistical analysis - but these summaries appear to bear out the general feeling that lures result in higher post-release survival rates than J-hooks.

The project team is greatly indebted to all the participating anglers, as well as to the staff of Sea World for enabling the work to be done, and of course also to the Australian Government's Fisheries Research and Development Corporation for providing the necessary funds. (Thanks Ian – Ed.)

Personal Water Craft Licence

If you ever think you will use a jet ski, or more correctly a PWC (Personal Water Craft), it is worth noting for all our members that after 1 Jan 2006 if you want to use a PWC you will need a separate PWC licence in addition to your Recreational Ship Master's Licence or better.

Between now and 31 Dec 2005 you can sit for the theory test, provided you already have a Recreational Ship Master's Licence or better, and when you pass and pay the \$35 you get the additional LIFETIME licence.

After that date you will need to do an approved practical and theoretical PWC Boatsafe course. This is obviously at higher cost, and you must then pay the \$35 as well.

The theory test is a set of 10 and set of 20 questions, and you can only get 1 wrong in the first set and 2 wrong in the second set.

Ross Williamson has done it and, provided you read the booklet on this link, you should pass. There is no limit to the number of times you can attempt the test, nor any cost, so you can attempt it as often as needed, but you must wait 24 hours between tests.

The Booklet can be downloaded from www.msq.qld.gov.au/qt/MSQ.nsf/index/msq_pwc

Ross says all that matters now is how to fit the jetski motor into his kayak like a Powerski at www.powerski.com

Somerset Dam Trip Reports.

Peter Thompson Reports:

Hi Ray,
I took my two older daughters, Rebecca and Natalie with me up to Somerset Dam camping at Kirkleigh. We went up Friday evening and set up camp.

Hit the sack early as there were no other members of the club camping there. Got up early to find there was plenty of fog on the dam. We trolled hard body lures. I managed to get a really good yellow belly to the boat but it decided to release itself. It seems fitting as most of the fish I have caught this year have been under size.

Later on I caught a small bass and it just missed out on legal size on 29.5cm. We managed to have 1 or 2 other hook ups during the morning, but did not boat any more fish. I put 2 shrimp pots in and 2 red claw pots down the bottom on Queen Street near the rocky inlet, but only bagged out on tortoises.

The girls could not pull the pots to the boat as they said they had been snagged. So I had to intervene and bust my gut to lift in about 15kgs of bloody 4 wheel drives (tortoises). I wonder what the legal size of these are? The biggest we got was about 250cm. Ever tried Tortoise Soup?

We headed in about 10:00am with the temp around 35 degrees and getting hotter. We decided to keep a very low profile in order to keep cool. The girls spent most of the middle day in the showers to keep cool, as by 1 o'clock the temp was pushing 40

degrees. We went back out in the afternoon around 3:30pm when it was a lot cooler on the water, but the wind had picked up and was blowing 15 to 20 knots, making it uncomfortable, and we did not trouble the scorers.

We headed back to camp for a cool shower and the girls cooked our evening meal. It was good to have the fairer sex there to cook dinner. The evening was very VERY hot, and we headed to bed early. The wind picked up to gale force during the night, which made it very uncomfortable camping.

We broke camp in the morning and headed for The Spit. We saw Princies ute and trailer, but did not site him as we only fished the bottom end of the dam. We did not get any more strikes in the morning, so decided to call it a day and headed for home. (Thanks Pete.)

Somerset Dam Trip - Kevin Ford - Saturday 8th Oct 05:

Strong wind warning forecast for the weekend, but it was expected to come in later in the day. I thought that inland may not experience as much wind as the coast in any case.

Packed up with all the gear for an overnight stay. Plan was to stay at Kirkleigh Saturday night and catch up with some of the crew.

7.30am. Headed off reasonably early Saturday morning via Ipswich and/Esk.

8.45am First hint of wind was going across the dam at Big W (Wivenhoe). There were a few wind gusts moving across the water. Hmmm.

Hit Esk and managed to lever some beer out of the Hotel before opening. Things were going well.

9.30am. Got to the Spit at Somerset and did the permit thing, etc. Yep, it was a bit windy, but not too bad. Readied the boat for launch.

Backed down the ramp and about to let the boat go off the trailer, noticed the winch rope had broken. Back up the ramp and retied it, and back down the ramp again to launch the boat.

Between the Shop and the Spit the road is a bit roug. All the bouncing must have broken the .Spectra Winch rope - real glad I had the chain

secured. Good lesson here for everyone – this stuff has a breaking strain of about 2500kg.

Headed out, Barometer was at 990 – not a good sign. Found shows of fish on the sounder across the flats and around the hump, and had a few short strikes but no luck hooking up. Fished Soft Plastics and Spinner baits during the day.

Fished around the Hump and opposite bank up to Red Rock, put in a few GPS marks for when the water eventually rises. By this time the wind had picked up a bit more.

Needed to find a spot out of the wind. This was getting harder and harder to do. Fished a few of the smaller bays with birds in them and signs of bait around.

By 2.00pm I had had enough for the day, Hot, thirsty and tired, thought I would give it away for the day and save the battery power for a session Sunday morning.

Wind hadn't eased up by 2.30pm. Not excited at the prospect of spending a sleepless night in the tent at the Dam Wall camping ground. (Too windy and exposed at Kirkleigh) Checked out the trees at the camping ground, and they were getting a work over.

The best decision of the day was to give up, head home, and consume some of the cold beer I had in the Esky (and hence not have to worry about a branch falling through the tent at 2 o'clock in the morning.)

The trip home confirmed the conditions as Hot, Dry and Windy. I passed a Camel, Yes a Camel, being transported out of the area in a horse float. Obviously to another location more suitable to Camels!!! Very sensible, I thought.

Somerset-1 Fordo-Nil (Thanks Kevin – makes me real sorry I didn't go - Ed.)

ANSA Qld (SE Qld) catch and release comp at Somerset on 18/19/20th November.

We have received some information on the ANSA Qld (SE Qld) club challenge to be held at Somerset Dam on the 18/19/20th November. This is a catch and release social comp and I (Lloyd Willman)

recommend it to you all. Very social, and you get to meet other ANSA club members who think and fish the same as you. It is lure and fly only. Organised by Ipswich and Nth Brisbane Sportfishing Clubs. Cost is \$35.00 per Adult competitor, \$15.00 per Junior Competitor (Under 12), Family = 2 Adults with Juniors Free. Includes camping fees and several BBQs etc. Lloyd will brief members more fully at the November meeting.

Senator the Hon. Ian Macdonald Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation

Expert panel chosen for recreational fishing grants

Australian Fisheries Minister Senator Ian Macdonald today announced the make-up of a new independent advisory panel that will assess funding applications under the Australian Government's \$15 million Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme.

The panel, which met for the first time in Brisbane on Monday September 19, is made up of seven people with recreational fishing know-how, through their involvement in media, tourism, re-stocking and government relations in the industry.

Deputy Mayor of Burdekin Shire in north Queensland, Mark Haynes, will chair the panel. "Mark knows fishing," Senator Macdonald said. "He also understands its value to local communities and, as a Councillor, he knows the demands on local government for infrastructure and support."

The panel's other six members, and their areas of expertise, are:

- **Bruce Schumacher** (NSW) is chairman of a recreational fishing Council and Committee and radio fishing programme presenter;
- **Jan Young** (NT) is a life member of the Amateur Fisherman's Association of the Northern Territory and Executive member of Tourism Top End Regional Tourist Association;
- **Ross Winstanley** (VIC) is a fisheries consultant and was the manager of Victoria's recreational fisheries;
- **Peter Taylor** (QLD) is President of the Toowoomba and District Fish Stocking Association, and runs a retail fishing tackle and marine business;

- **Tom Megaw** (SA) a South Australian councillor who sits on numerous committees
- **Stan Jarzynski**, a keen angler, is the Australian Government's representative.

"The panel has a good mix of experience in areas as diverse as general recreational fishing — salt and freshwater — the tackle industry, fish stocking, tourism, local government, governance and natural resource management," Senator Macdonald said.

"The Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme honours a Coalition election commitment to enhance the recreational fishing experience and its economic benefits, boosting tourism and protecting our inland and coastal waterways."

The programme's first funding round is now open. Community groups, associations, companies, institutions and individuals can apply for up to \$100,000 for local projects like:

- improving boat ramp facilities, tracks and paths to access fishing spots
- supporting volunteer marine rescue groups
- re-stocking and re-snagging rivers and waterways

"Given the range of potential projects, it is important that the panel assessing funding applications has a good understanding of recreational fishing across the country, and the experience and expertise to know which projects will deliver long-term benefits."

Applications close Friday 14 October 2005.

For application forms and guidelines, visit www.daff.gov.au/recfishinggrants, email fishinggrants@daff.gov.au or call **02 6272 3848**.

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SPECIAL DEALS

Gas Bottle Refills - \$15 for 9 Kg. John Prince has found a place which refills 9 Kg Gas Bottles for \$15. They cost \$22 at the caravan sales place in Yatala, and an exchange bottle at the Shell Service Station in Yatala costs \$29.95. Prinnie is checking out the cost of gas bottle exchange at Bunnings, where he thinks it is only \$19 – and they'll apparently take

"expired" gas bottles. More info at the October Club Meeting.

Troy Park, Mobile Outboard Mechanic

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

New Club Library.

We have received donations of two DVDs as the basis of our new Club Library, as follows:

- A DVD on Trout Fishing from Geoffrey Daley – thanks, Geoffrey
- A DVD on Fishing Kayaks from Hooked on Kayaks – here's the link to their website: <http://www.hookedonkayaks.com.au/misc.html>
- Further donations will be welcomed.

GEAR FOR SALE & WANTED

As a service to members, future editions of the Newsletter will contain a small section of For Sale & Wanted Ads. Only paid up members may use this facility. Ads should generally be restricted to fishing and boating related gear – but no value limits apply.

To place an ad, simply e-mail or give the ad contents to your Editor. raybrick@bigpond.net.au

Club Logos for Shirts and Stickers for Boats

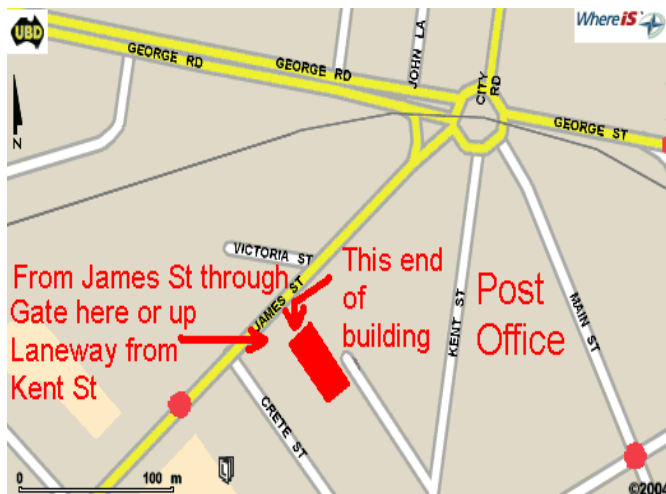
Just a reminder - for \$6.00 you can have the SBSFC logo embroidered onto your own shirt. Bring your dress shirt / polo shirt or fishing shirt to the meeting with \$6.00 and it will be back at the following meeting. The \$6.00 fee includes a \$1.00 levy that will go towards reimbursing the club for the \$75.00 set up cost.

John Cumberland is also getting large and small boat stickers printed, and hopefully these will be available for sale at the September meeting.

Please note:- Do not supply a shirt that already has anything printed on it that would connect the Fishing Club with something that is unsavory e.g. "We hate Pigs" across the back of the shirt.

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 or the first Monday of next month at 7:15pm.

Meeting Room Location Map: See next page.



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Updated Trips Calendar & Christmas Function:

A revised Trips Calendar for the remainder of 2005 is included overleaf. Note the date of our Christmas Function in your diaries now please. Also the revised dates for the Lake Monduran Barra trip.

USEFUL NUMBERS:

Qld Boating Weather 1300 360 426
SE Qld Boating Weather 1300 360 428
Qld Marine Warnings 1300 360 427
Fishwatch Hotline 1800 017 116
Crabpot Theft Hotline 1800 017 116

UPDATED TRIP SHEET FOR THE COMING FEW MONTHS ATTACHED (OVER PAGE) – PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK IT AGAINST THE DATES ON YOUR OWN TRIPS CALENDAR.