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Newsletter

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Next Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 6TH of November 2006 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.

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.***

CLUB FEES NOW OVERDUE!!!!!!!!!!

Single membership is \$58.00 p.a. - Family Membership is \$78.00 p.a.

Knot Tying Night: There will be no guest speaker this month. As most of our members will be catching metre plus Barra when the next meeting is on, a knot tying night will be held. Bring along some heavy line (40-50 lb) and share some of your favourite line tying techniques.

Acknowledgement: This Newsletter was kindly copied by Kay Elson's office at no charge to the club. Special thanks to Neville Wright for his kind assistance.

Also thanks to [Sweetwater Fishing](#) for the use of the article "GEARING UP FOR BIG LAKE BARRA".

November trips: Two trips are scheduled for November. The first is from the 3rd to the 10th at Lake Monduran chasing big Barramundi, contact Ray Bricknell on 3287 2668.

The second is a trip to Lenthalls Dam on the 17, 18 & 19th November contact John Eldred 33442605 or John Cumberland 3801 1110. The trip sheet is included in this newsletter.

GEARING UP FOR BIG LAKE

BARRA

By Jason Bird

MORE and more fishos are heading north to experience the best fresh water sportfishing this country has to offer and for those that are gearing up right now for the coming summer on the dams I thought I would answer some, if not all of the questions that come my way by way of shop visits and e-mails every month.

Firstly we will start with rods used.

Anything in the range nearing 10kg line weight and under six feet long is getting close to a serious barra rod in my books and with every tackle manufacturer having a go at them now it is not hard to find a rod to serve the purpose. One of the major factors in choosing the rod is weight because remember you plan to do a heap of casting with it and if it is not soft enough in the tip to load under the weight of a barra lure you will have very sore wrists after a big day on a dam.

Rods that come to mind are the Penn Pin Point 10kg baitcaster, Shimano T-Curve XH baitcaster and very, very new to the market the Live Fibre Impoundment barra.

This selection covers most budgets and they will all do the job on the water with varying amount of ease.



I chose to use one of the rods from the E-Grell stable, new to the market they are simply the best baitcasters I have ever put my hands on and while they are at the top end of the market they are well worth the investment made.

The B8-5 E-Grell is simply an awesome rod, at under 6 feet and a genuine 10kg stick I have stopped 90cm barra cold with their head down and going hard only to see them pulled back over their body length and jump.

Seasoned barra fishos will know pulling them back over their own weight is not easy but this is

what it takes in the sticks to get them and the B8-5 has the grunt to do it but with enough tip to cast it all day and not get tired.

Great Rods!

We need good quality rods so we can cast lures all day but at the business is the reel, if the reel doesn't stack up to the pressure it doesn't matter what stick you have the fish will just tear line from you and rip you to bits and in the timber this is not good.

Baitcasting reels in my opinion are the best bet, some will argue spin reels are capable for sticks fishing but I disagree and while spin reels will handle open point casting Awoonga style the sticks is baitcasting country.

Shimano Chronarch BSV, Penn International 955, Penn Erskine 100, Shimano Calcutta 200B, these are all reels capable of handling the drag weights required to give it to the barra.

There are of course a lot of other reels that can and will do the job but these reels I have first hand experience with and can recommend them for the job without hesitation.

On the reel I run one line and that is 50lb Bionic Braid, it is without doubt still the best on the market in my opinion. 50lb sounds a lot but taking into account the way barra will scrap in the trees you will find yourself breaking it on big fish due to tree rub on those frightening runs of a 60lb fish.

One thing to remember is that you will never put 50lb of weight over a baitcasting rod with a small reel; it's just not do-able.

The reason we run 50lb is for the abrasion resistance gained using 50lb and you need the non-stretch characteristics of braid to get decent action out of the lure so heavy mono is just not an option as it doesn't cast or give the feel needed.

There is other braids on the market that are a good option to Bionic such as Matrix Pro, Daiwa PE, Platypus Superbraid and the trusty Spiderwire still gets a run.

On the end of the braid we need a leader of some kind, now this is the area where barra fishos differ more than any other, this is what I use. I use a wind-on 80lb leader that is connected to the braid via a bimini-catspaw connection that I tie a loop knot in at the lure end to secure it to the lure.

Never use clips on barra of any size.

If you can't Tie one learn to tie a loop knot and just keep renewing the leader as it gets shorter as you change lures over the course of the day. A hint is to glue all of the knots at the terminal end with superglue or if you want the best get some Loctite 406 for this purpose, do this and a knot will never let go.

I can hear the knot purists already saying you

should not glue knots and I could not care less, I'm there to catch fish and not there for a knot tying seminar.

Even not so good braid to heavy mono knots like the Improved Albright or Uni knot become close to 100 percent knots with some 406 on them, just don't glue the line to the rod blank or to you in the process!

Lureshow long is a piece of string?

Most of the barra lures will catch just that but there are a few standouts in the pack that I will mention to get the collection started.

RMG Scorpion 125mm and 150mm, Halco Laser Pro 120mm, Lively Lures Arafura barra 130mm and 160mm, JML SM12S and Barra Baits are my pics.

Best colours for the impoundments are predominantly anything over chrome i.e. if the lure has a high sheen chrome undercoat the top colour be it gold, blue, pink or whatever is somewhat secondary and most will work.

Something I have found to be very effective of late is to fit the 120 Laser Pro with 6X VMC no1 trebles and this will make them just on the heavy side of neutral and the ability to sit a lure in the zone without it floating out for periods of up to and over a minute at a time is deadly on barra that are not quite in the mood, those that are on song will belt them long before a minute is up. On trebles for those like me who love the sticks and rate open point casting after dark just above the boredom of trolling you will need to upgrade both rings and trebles on most lures to hold these fish in the timber.

That's about it for the gear you hold in your hands, as for sounders, electric motors and other boat related barra aids well that's another story.

For detailed explanation of my leader system or anything else [Sweetwater Fishing Australia](#)

TRIP REPORT JABIRU ISLAND 22nd **OCTOBER** by Jeff Maddalena

After a stormy Saturday night things were a bit windy for our trip on Sunday morning. Four club members were brave enough (or silly enough) to test their skills in the 20-knot southeast winds- Kevin Ford, John Eldred, Dean Rosolen and myself. As the conditions were not that good I thought that I would explore some of the channels opposite the eastern shore of Jabiru Island. Lots and lot of jetties to cast at but not a lot of fish activity. All I could come up with was one Bream hit and something that felt like a small Trevally or Queeny. So I put

down the Bream gear and had some casting practice with my new Barra gear It got so windy on the water that my canoe was being blown around so much the electric motor could not push it along. So I decided to call it a day.

On the way home I receive a phone call from a very excited Kevin Ford. The phone reception was not the best but I did hear "just boated a big flathead, BIG FLATHEAD!!!!". Kevin had been working the shallow water using Ecogear soft plastics and had landed a 70cm monster Flathead. Don't worry the fish was tagged and released so we can all have a go at catching it.

After that Kevin worked the jetties for Bream and caught two measuring 23cm and 26cm. That's not a bad mornings fishing under such conditions.



Meanwhile Dean Rosolen and John Eldred had tried their luck up Saltwater Creek. They had moved up the creek as far as Crystal Waters and were doing it hard. Dean had managed to catch a small Bream that was about the same size as the lure he was using. Around the same area Dean also caught a small "stripey" but decided to move on and fish the Coomera River. The river was not fishing that well either without any fish being caught.

Coomabah Creek is a really good part of the Gold Coast to fish. The amount of different fish species and habitats found in such a small area is amazing. It is my favourite fishing spot and is well suited to the canoe or kayak fisherperson. So don't be put off by this trip report, because fish like Kevin's Flathead are quite common.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A woman from New York was driving through a remote part of Arizona when her car broke down. An American Indian on horseback came along and offered her a ride to a nearby town. She climbed up on the horse, sat behind the Indian and they rode off towards town.

The ride was uneventful, except that every few minutes the Indian would let out a “YE-E-E-E-H-A-A-A!!!” so loud that it echoed throughout the surrounding hills. When they arrived in town, he let the woman off at the local service station, yelled one final “YE-E-E-E-H-A-A-A!!!” and rode away.

“What did you do to get that Indian so excited!?” asked the service-station attendant.

“Nothing,” the woman answered. “I merely sat behind him on the horse, put my arms around his waist, and held onto the saddle horn so I wouldn’t fall off.”

“Lady,” the attendant said, “Indians don’t use saddles.”

LENTHALLS DAM TRIP 17, 18, 19 November 2006

Built in 1984, Lenthalls Dam was named after the pioneering family in the district, the waters created by the dam are called Lake Lenthall.

The lake has a relatively small surface area of 400ha, an average depth of 3.9 meters and holds some 15 500 ML of water at full supply level. Its main purpose is for town water supply for Hervey Bay City Council.

Lake Lenthall is situated approximately half way between Maryborough and Torbanlea along the Bruce highway. A further 7 km off the highway along a gravel road will find you at the lake.

Fishing

Lake Lenthall is officially stocked with Bass, Barramundi, Yellowbelly & Silver Perch but there has also been reports of Saratoga being caught here as well. There are also Eels, Tandans and the introduced Spangled Perch present. Bass have been the main species caught here however Barramundi are showing up more often and will no doubt give this location national publicity in coming years. The increase in the popularity of this Lake Lenthall is partly due to the success of the barramundi stocking program here. It is the most southerly waters where the public can catch a barra (outside of fish farms).

Accommodation

Wallace Caravan Park, 22 Ferry Street, Maryborough.
Ph: 4121 3970 Web site:
www.wallacecaravanpark.com.au

As you come into Maryborough from the South, you go down a dip onto the bridge across the Mary River. The caravan park is the first driveway on the left after you come off the bridge. John Cumberland and John Eldred have booked 2 of the 3 family cabins and the third was vacant at that time. Contact either JC or John for a bed or book your own.

Boating

There is a boat launching area just past the Lenthalls Dam wall.

There is a speed limit of 4 knots on the lake.

Camping

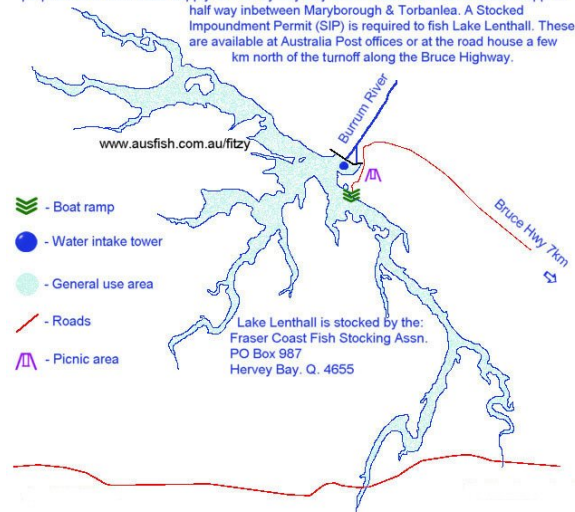
No camping is allowed at the lake.

Local Fishing Guide: Fraser Coast Sportfishing & Eco Adventures 0407674350 Email

A stocked Impoundment Permit (SIP) is required to fish at Lake Lenthall, these are available locally at the road house a few km North of the turnoff on the Bruce Highway or Purchase Stocked Impoundment Permit on-line - QDPI&F

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There is a speed limits of 4 knots and boats are restricted to six horse power motors.
No camping is allowed at the lake but camping is available 15km away at Wongi State Forrest Park. Telephone (07) 4123 5424.

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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

SPECIAL DEALS

Troy Park, Mobile Outboard Mechanic

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

Marine Welding

Members should note that Jason Small of J & T Marine Welding is a 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.

Beenleigh Bait & Tackle

The new owners of the local bait and tackle shop are improving their range of stock, and their prices for both gear and rod and reel repairs appear to be very competitive. They will happily give a 10% discount to any Club Member who shows their membership card.

Beenleigh Bait & Tackle now also distribute a few Newsletters for us – check them out!

Des Hughes Marine Services

A few club members use and recommend Des. His marine repairs are inexpensive and very good. So if you have a problem with your boat give Des a call!

Des Hughes Marine Service
192 North Road
Woodridge
(Next to BP Garage)

Ph: 3208 3349
Mob: 0409 274 136

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. jmaddalena@optusnet.com.au

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.

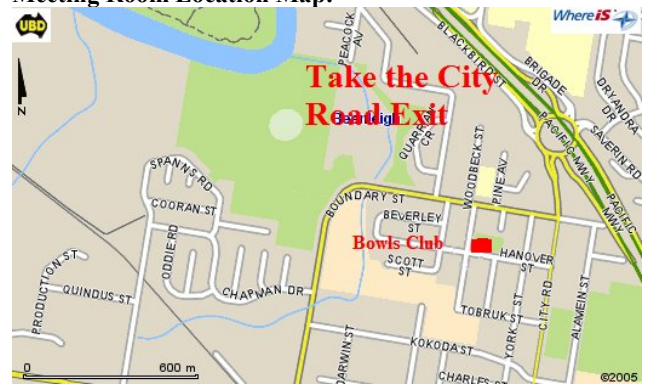
Tom Wallbank has had a number of large and small boat stickers printed, and these are available for sale at every meeting. COST- Small \$1; Large \$5

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

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.

Meeting Room Location Map:



“CATCH OF THE MONTH”. Just email your photos to jmaddalena@optusnet.com.au and your prized catch will appear in the newsletter.



Eddie Latz caught this Javelin fish (pomadasys hasta) in the Coomera River using green weed & beach worms. It measured 30 cm. These fish are found more in tropical waters. Top stuff Eddie!

Queensland's largest fishery goes under review

The Queensland East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery, the largest and most diverse fishery in the state, is undergoing a major review. The fishery stretches from Cape York to the Queensland-New South Wales border where the main species taken include popular fish species such as barramundi, threadfins, several mackerel species, tailor, whiting, bream, flathead, shark and sea mullet.

More than 750 000 recreational fishers and approximately 500 commercial operators access this fishery, and current management arrangements need to be reviewed to ensure that they meet stakeholder expectations while ensuring sustainability. All stakeholders who have an interest in the Queensland East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery, including commercial fishers, recreational anglers, tourism operators, local councils and the Indigenous community, are invited to have their say on future management arrangements.

Key stakeholders will be sent information outlining the consultation process, which will include general information about the fishery and a summary of the key challenges.

Following the release of the brochure, a series of stakeholder meetings will be held in major centres throughout Queensland starting on Monday 23 October.

The first round of consultation is an opportunity for stakeholders to provide their views on all aspects of the fishery; no proposed management arrangements will be put forward by the department in this first phase.

These views will then be considered in developing a draft fishery management plan, which is likely to be released for further consultation in mid-2007.

Stakeholders who have an interest in the fishery are strongly encouraged to be involved in the consultation process. Cooperative relationships with stakeholders and the consultation process is a good way to ensure that the department can work together with stakeholders to maintain a strong fishery for the future. For regular updates on the consultation, an email subscription service has been set up on the DPI&F website. To subscribe to the email service and for further information, including the consultation meeting schedule and background papers focused on specific aspects of the fishery, visit [Queensland East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery](#) or contact DPI&F on 13 25 23.

In addition to the Queensland East Coast Inshore Fin Fish Fishery consultation, a review of the Fisheries Regulation 1995 is also being conducted to streamline and modernise the legislation.

All Queensland's subordinate legislation must be reviewed after 10 years of operation. This is to ensure that it meets with modern legislative drafting requirements and the changing requirements of the community. This review will not involve changes to fisheries management arrangements.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for this review will be available for public comment in the very near future.

Trip Calendar 2006

Month	Dates	Species	Water Body	Nearest Town
March	3 rd -5 th	Various	Bribie Island	Brisbane SFC Interclub Comp
	11 th -12 th	Saratoga	Imbil Dam	Brisbane Flyfishers Club
	24 th -26 th	Saratoga	Borumba Dam	Imbil
	26 th	Flathead	Peel Island	Cleveland
April	23 rd	Various	Southern Moreton Bay	TBC
	28 th -1 st May	Various	Burnett Heads	Bundaberg SFC
May	13 th	Bass	Maroon Dam	Boonah
	20 th -21 st	Various		ANSA Winter State Titles
	27 th -28 th	Flathead	King of the Pin	Jacob's Well
June	9 th -12 th	Various	Clarence River	Iluka
	11 th	Snapper	Brisbane River	Wynnum
July	15 th -16 th	Snapper	Bribie Island	Bribie Island
August	12 th -13 th	Bass & Barramundi	Bjelke Petersen Dam	Kingaroy
	13 th	Blackfish	Broadwater	Southport
	25 th -27 th		ANSA State Conference	Yeppoon
September	2 nd -3 rd	Bream	Tweed River	Homestead Caravan Park Chinderah
October	22 nd	Flathead	Coomera River	Jabiru Island
	29 th -5 th Nov	Barramundi	Lake Awonga	Brisbane SFC
November	3 rd -10 th	Barramundi	Lake Monduran	Gin Gin
	17 th -19 th	Bass	Lenthalls Dam	Maryborough
December	9 th 7.00pm	Buffet	Beenleigh Bowls Club	Christmas Party