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NEWSLETTER

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**Kevin & Rachel Ford fishing the beautiful
Clarrie Hall Dam.**



*Tech Tips- researching
fishing areas*

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 3rd of November 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.

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GUEST SPEAKERS- This month Kevin Ford from Lureworld will be talking Barra lures, he will be giving us a rundown on what lures we will need to catch big Monduran Barramundi. So bring your money and stock up the tackle box.

NOVEMBER TRIPS- The big one this month **MONDURAN!** You should already have booked your place on this Barra trip. Ross Williamson is trip captain.

The local trip is to the Pimpama River on the 9th. This is a fly and soft plastic trip. Dave Dennis is trip captain.

TWEED RIVER TRIP – SEP 08

By Ray Bricknell

This year's trip to the Tweed was unusual in several respects, but still a very pleasant weekend away. There was quite a good roll up.

Trip Captain John Cumberland, with wife Shirley, as usual established an excellent 'base camp' beside the boat ramp. Neil McNeil fished with JC. Peter Thompson cunningly brought his daughter, Natalie, along to prepare his meals.

Natalie's boyfriend Sean also helped with the cooking. For some inexplicable reason, Natalie and Sean had their own tent, separate from Peter. And they must have found the fishing tiring, because they went to bed earlier than the rest of us.

Ross Williamson tried out his "new" boat. He and Ray Bricknell had planned to spend Friday exploring some creeks and rivers further south, but neither could make it down until Saturday morning.

Brad Baldwin fished with Kevin Ford and daughter Rachel, and Carol-Anne Ford kept Shirley company at the camp.

The fishing was terrible on the Friday. A howling gale was blowing – Peter Thompson reckoned it was a Northerly – and the fish did not like it at all. Only a few tiddlers caught on Friday. Glen caught a three small Flathead, one Bream and a Whiting from his Kayak late Friday, but all under- size.

By all accounts, Friday night was quite salubrious. There were a few sore heads Saturday morning.

The fishing on Saturday was not much better. The conditions were such that no one had much enthusiasm for fishing. Neil McNeil did bag a 47cm Dusky Flathead Saturday afternoon, but that was the only "keeper" caught up by he and JC. Neil got a couple of other small Flathead, and JC got 2 small flathead and 3 small tailor.

Kevin Ford showed just how skilled he is with hard bodied lures by catching a 30cm Luderick. These don't usually take lures – maybe that's why he had to hook it in the tail! He also got 2 x small Bream, and 7 x Flathead in total, for 2 x keeper Flathead.

The Annual Boat Ramp Bream Comp.

For various reasons we weren't ready to start the competition this year until about 5pm, and the sun was low in the sky. JC sounded the official starting siren, and Neil McNeil was first line in the water.

After several unsuccessful casts, Neil declared: "There are no Bream here. They are daylight Bream, accustomed to being fed off the bank during the day, and they go elsewhere once it gets dark."

So the competition was about to be cancelled. But Ray would have none of that! Armed with his "Secret Weapon" Bream bait, he stepped up to the fray.

(Incidentally, his Secret Weapon Bream bait is un-weighted very small pieces of best quality skinless chicken breasts, salted and frozen, on a Whiting hook, but don't let on I told you.)

Within a few seconds the slack line went taught, and Ray had his first little Bream. The comp had begun! All other contestants were now invited to join.

Sean entered the fray and cast to the far side of the boat ramp inlet. A new rule was promptly introduced: Any fish caught from the far side would not be counted. (The rules of this comp are very fluid, and tend to be changed as we go along.)

Before anyone else could cast a line, Ray had his second. The other contestants were becoming demoralized, and were reluctant to enter for fear of being put to shame.

So another new rule was added: If any contestant gets three fish ahead of the next nearest score, he or she is immediately declared the winner.

JC tried to amend the rules to make it biggest fish wins rather than most fish wins. He was over-ruled.

Then Ray clinched his victory with an "almost legal" Bream (having dropped another in the interim). Clearly, the contest was over! Three fish to NIL, including what was surely an unbeatable "biggest Bream" entry, meant Ray was declared outright winner of the Boat Ramp Bream comp for 2008.

Saturday night was a pleasant social mealtime, with lots of yarns but a bit less drinking than Friday night.

On Sunday morning the gale was still blowing, so most stayed in bed. JC and Neil ventured out fairly early, caught nothing, and had to retire early when JC had problems with his outboard. Ross was the only other angler to brave the Tweed that morning.

Then came the interesting bit. Glen and Ray decided to go further south and try to find somewhere out of the wind to fish.

Following the excellent directions provided by Lloyd and JC in the Trip Sheet, they easily found the boat ramp in Commercial Road Murwillumbah. Ray put his tinny in there, and Glen drove further upstream and found a spot to launch his Kayak.

There was a problem, though. The sides of Dunbible Creek were so steep that Glen had

great difficulty getting into his heavily laden Kayak.



Glen prepares to launch his Kayak in Dunbible Creek, Murwillumbah.

Dunbible Creek proved very interesting. The tide was half full and rising, so there was plenty of water in the creek. We were able to travel some kilometers upstream, with 3 to 6 feet of water under us most of the time, until we reached a low timber bridge that neither of us could get under.



This low bridge stopped us from traveling further upstream in Dunbible Creek.

We then fished our way downstream. Amazingly, the creek was such that we could actually troll lures as we moved from one casting spot to the next.

We had our hand-held UHF radios with us, and they worked like a charm – a great safety aid in such circumstances, with only two of us on the water. At 10am

say he had a 30cm Bass in nice condition, caught on a hard bodied lure.

At 11am we had morning tea on the creek bank, and at 12:10 Ray hooked a 25cm Bass, which shook free of the lure as it was being lifted out of the water.

Ray then headed back to the Boat Ramp to collect the lunch, which he had left in an esky in his car because we really did not know how long we would be staying in this area. The plan was to check out Dunbible Creek and then move on to Rous River, where Lloyd caught about 30 Bass in a very productive session in 2007. Ray estimated the round trip would take about 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, Glen was to do a recce and find a nice sandy landing spot where he could get out of his Kayak without going AOT.

Well, he said he saw some nice sandy beaches, but the spot he chose saw both he and Ray ankle deep in mud as they stepped out of their boats! Good effort, Glen.

Of course, Ray dangled a bit of his secret weapon chicken in the creek whilst lunch was eaten. Something ate it off without even taking the slack out of the line. We'll never know what it was.

After lunch we fished a bit further downstream, and Glen caught a legal Bream whilst trolling a hard bodied lure. No luck for Ray. By the time we decided to leave the tide had dropped a couple of feet, and on the way out of the creek to the Tweed River Ray's sounder often indicated less than two feet of water under the boat – occasionally one foot.

So, if ever we do a club trip to Dunbible Creek – which the Trips Committee should seriously consider, because it is so nice and so interesting – we'll need to make sure we have a good big tide, with high tide around mid-day.



Another section of Dunbible Creek. Very scenic and very interesting.

CLARRIE HALL TRIP- 5TH OCTOBER By Jeff Maddalena

Six Southern Brisbane club members made the hour and a half journey into New South Wales, to the lovely Clarrie Hall Dam.

Peter Thompson and Brad Baldwin were first on the dam. They worked there way down to the dam wall and back. Peter managed to catch two Bass; both fish were around 150 mm.

I arrived at Crams Farm boat ramp at 8.30 am. I was planning to get there a bit earlier but a bout of gastro on Saturday night ruined my plans of an early morning surface session.

Kevin, Rachel and Carroll-Ann Ford Arrived a few minutes before me. Kevin and his daughter Rach set out in their electric punt leaving Carroll Ann ashore with a good book in hand.

Clarrie Hall Dam has a lot of areas are covered in thick patches of water lilies. This is what makes the dam what it is. It also made it one of the most frustrating dams that I have ever been to. You could see and hear the Bass feeding deep in the lily pads, making it impossible to cast any lure near them. Needless to say I finished my day without even one strike.



Kevin and Rachel also struggled. They concentrated their efforts up a small creek. Earlier that morning a woman and her son caught 10 fish up that same small creek, so we do know that there are some fish living in Clarrie Hall. But the hours that the dam can be fished probably do not match the fish's dinnertime. So if you ever go to Clarrie Hall get up early!

LOGAN RIVER MULLOWAY TRIP- 12TH OCTOBER By Jeff Maddalena

Just a quick report for our Logan River Jew trip. Lloyd Willmann was the trip captain for this one and was joined by Jeff Maddalena, Mark and Troy Veivers.

Mark and Troy anchored upstream from Carbrook at a deep hole. They caught and tagged thirteen small Mulloway ranging from 250mm to 450mm, using local prawns as bait. Lloyd had a quiet start to the morning and finished up fishing up the Albert River near the Beenleigh wharf. Lloyd caught and tagged a few Jewfish there, again using local prawns.



Tech Tips- Researching Fishing Areas

As for most of the country, SE Qld has suffered falling water levels; thankfully the situation has eased a little. What we are seeing now as the weather warms and the spring and Summer Species are back on the menu is a totally different fishing scenario. This is particularly true for the Impoundments.

In the Impoundments, areas we fishing last year are now several metres deeper and out of largely reach. The good news is some snags that were out of water are now fishable again.

This all leads to the importance of making notes or perhaps taking photos of an area, be it in Drought or perhaps at Low tide. You certainly get a better feel of what is underwater when you can no longer see it and it may help to explain what you are seeing on your sounder screen or why a particular area fishes better than another.

This also helps in identifying other areas of a similar nature.

You can learn more about a particular stretch of water if you know exactly what is below the surface.

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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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

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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
- 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/>

Southern Brisbane Sportsfishing Club

<http://www.sbsfc.org/>

JOKE OF THE MONTH

I went to the Patents Office trying to register some of my inventions.

I went to the main desk to sign in, and the lady at the desk had a form that had to be filled out.

She wrote down my personal info and then asked me what I had invented.

I said, "A folding bottle."

She said, "Okay, what do you call it?"

"A Fottle", I said.

What else do you have?"

"A folding carton."

"What do you call it?"

"A Farton."

She sniggered and said, "Those are silly names for products, and one of them sounds kind of crude."

I was so upset by her comment that I grabbed the form and left the office without even telling her about my folding bucket.....

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Gary and Trent specialize in used parts to suit all outboard makes and models. They also do repairs and service work.

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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.

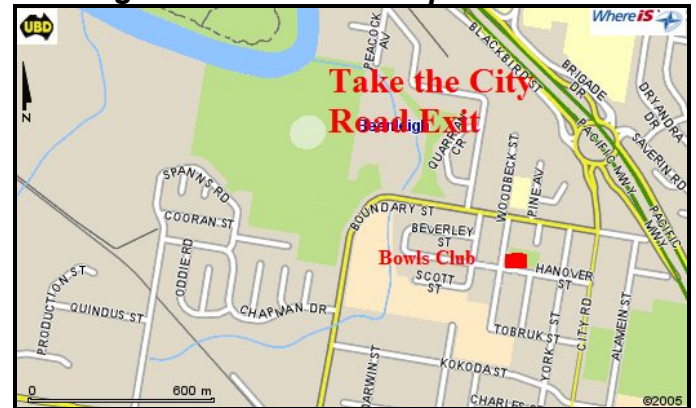
Family Membership - \$78.00 p.a.

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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TRIPS CALENDAR 2008

Home Trips

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	Pimpama River	20 th	Mangrove Jack / Flathead	Gold Coast		Craig Milne
February	Southern Moreton Bay Islands	24 th	Snapper	Redland Bay		Mark Veivers
March	Mid Nerang	16 th	Bream / Mangrove Jack	Gold Coast		Kevin Ford
April	Hinze Dam	20 th	Bass	Gold Coast		Jeff Maddalena
May	Brisbane River / Mud Island	18 th	Snapper	Brisbane		Dave Dennis
June	Peel Island	22 nd	Snapper	Cleveland		John Cumberland
July	Jumpinpin / Marks Rocks (special)	13 th - 16 th	Jew	Cabbage Tree		Tom Wallbank
August	Moogerah Dam	17 th	Bass	Boonah		Glen Kennedy
September	Albert River	21 st	Bass	Beenleigh		
October	Logan River	12 th	Jew	Beenleigh		Lloyd Willmann
November	Pimpama River	9 th	Flathead	Gold Coast		Dave Dennis
December	Jabiru Island	14 th	Mangrove Jack / Flathead / Cod	Gold Coast		

Away Trips

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	N / A					
February	Borumba Dam	22 nd - 24 th	Saratoga / Bass	Imbil	Borumba Deer Park 07 5484 5196	John Eldred
March	Noosa River	23 rd	Queenfish	Noosa		
April	Upper Albert & Logan	12/13 th	Bass / Cod	Kerry		Lloyd Willman
May	Maroon dam	24/25 th	Bass	Boonah		Jeff Maddalena
June						
July	Pumice stone Passage	12- 13 th	Snapper	Donnybrook		Neil McNeil
August	Fraser Island					
September	Tweed River / Chinderah	12 - 14 th	Flathead/Bream	Chinderah		John Cumberland
October	Clarrie Hall Dam / Top of Tweed River	4 - 5 th	Bass	Murwillumbah		Jeff Maddalena
November	Monduran	8 - 15 th	Barramundi	Gin Gin		Ross Williamson
December	Christmas Party	6 th	Beer			