



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting Monday 7th November

7pm Beenleigh Bowls Club

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Next Meeting

Do you have a knotty problem? That's what we are going to try to solve this meeting. A fisherman is only as good as the knots they tie. Many a good fish has been lost by inferior knots and the popularity of braid has compounded the problem. So the theme of the night is knotology. We will have a some volunteers who think they can tie fishing knots, demonstrate to the "less informed", but often the latter can show the "experts" a few tips. So to put it simply a fishing knot night, with everyone participating.

Moogerah Dam Trip Sunday 9th October

The following trip report was submitted by Kev Ford, who with his crewman par excellence, Owen Powell, were the only ones to go. With the Burrum Heads trip starting the same weekend, it's understandable they were the only ones. They had a great weekend, and did some research for another club trip. Very aptly, the name Moogerah is the aboriginal for "Place of Storms" – Editor

Moogerah Bass Trip by Kev Ford

I had planned to go to Moogerah for a fish, following good reports of Bass & Golden Perch being active a few weeks ago. Owen was interested in coming, so we planned on leaving Brisbane after Saturday morning family comittments. The good old weather played it's part, with a storm rolling through the southern parts of Brisbane about 7am, so departure times were delayed. At 12.30pm, there were patches of blue sky appearing in the West, which made Owen more comfortable about heading out. We arrived at Moogerah around 2.30, and after pitching the tents, we hit the water and were fishing within the hour.



Where and what to do was the biggest question. The last time at Moogerah was 10 years ago, when the dam was 10%. Now near full and while not a big dam as others are, there was plenty of water to ponder over. We went to the far side near the ski club ramp and intended to start a troll along a tree lined edge in 17 to 20ft of water. We didn't get too far before snagging up in the smaller bushes under the water which were just outside the treeline, which put the tackle back into service. A bass boat came from the opposite direction, and these guys

had been fishing the edges all day, with good results, especially when the storm was about early in the morning. We had only just passed one another when they pulled a bass from the trees. Shortly

after they left, obviously happy with their day. This answered any questions we had to where the Bass were, on the tree edges back towards the bank. Hardbodys were exchanged for Jackalls and casting was the order of the day. It didn't take long to get a strike. We worked this section over twice for 6 Bass before the run back to camp, dropping the redclaw pots on the way. A quick feed a couple of beers and a quiet night.



5am and the first ski boat fired up, breakfast and onto the water for the second session. Fishing the same area as the previous afternoon, it didn't take long for the first Bass to come aboard. A few more Bass before pulling the pots for nil result. A couple of follows from curious Golden Perch, which

bumped and followed the Jackall all the way back, only to sit on the surface looking after it left the water. Owen lost a good fish took him deep into the snags. Unable to unlace the line, the fish departed with his Jackall (ouch). We decided to look at a couple of other sections. A couple of casts and straight on. Good call. With time getting on, we moved into the Gorge, and a few casts around a group of trees, as we trolled our way out. I snagged up and Owen snagged a fish. Back to the days starting point, to see if there was any interest, and another Bass. The day's score was 4 plus a couple lost in snags, two Spangled Perch and a follow from a Golden.

Pulling the pin at 10am, packed up and back home. It was great to see the Bass in good condition, fat and solid. The boat traffic (ski boats) only 30m away, didn't seem to affect them, still hitting hard. The amenities are good, with access to a camp kitchen with electric barbques, microwave etc. The new boom gates at the entrance to the camp ground and boat ramps are a 6am to 6pm proposition. Camping you get a pin number, but day access is restricted to between those hours. If you are locked in, no way out. I would definitely recommend another club trip, especially if the facility mentioned by Jeff Saxon last meeting was available. It would make a great long weekend trip being so close to Brisbane, with at least 4 good fishing sessions possible over that time.

Trip Captain (of two) Kev Ford

LAFMA (Wyalong Dam Community Info night) Report



The LAFMA information night to stock Wyalong Dam, held at Beaudesert was well attended with over 100 people turning up which resulted in a doubling of the membership. Some faces from the club were there which was great, as the dam when stocked will be in our fishing area of interest. Opened by the local state member, with speakers from LAFMA, our own Mal Brown & Lloyd Willman, staff from DPI Fisheries and SEQ Water, on the plans to stock and some issues that might arise. For more information google LAFMA PROJECT.

Burrum Heads Trip Report by John Eldred

(Editors comment) May be a change to the clubs name, Southern Brisbane "You should have been here last week' Club might be more apt, after reading John's report, anyway read on.

Well from the start of the trip, the weather looked terrible. We left Brisbane in a storm, and as it turned out we came home in a storm, but the weather at Burrum Heads was just about perfect. Clear skies, 0 to 5 knots every morning and 5 to 8 knots of afternoon sea breeze. On the trip were John Eldred, Neil McNeil, Ross & Ian Williamson, Peter Thompson and Glen Kennedy. The house we rented was great, all the usual amenities and a huge lock up garage for all our fishing gear and right on the river. The outback area was popular around beer o'clock, sitting back and watching the boats go by.



The boat ramps at Burrum Heads are very interesting. Imagine launching your boat from a 2 lane ramp that 5 plus knots of current flowing across it. At high tide there is no

beach to pull up on and at low tide, the boat ramp end is dry and drops down to 3 metres of water. Not for the faint hearted. We had 3 metre tides for the week. Lots of fun.

The fishing was put it mildly, very poor. Even the locals were struggling to catch a feed. The members on the trip caught between one and four legal fish between the lot of them per day and that was the norm. Ian caught a nice Giant Trevally one day, and Peter a Diamond Trevally which he did in the smoker with a couple of snags, yum! One morning Buxton's Hole was alive with Tarpon up to 45cm. Bruce and John threw the entire contents of the lure box at them for nil result. Slugs, blades, hard bodies, on the surface, down deep, fast, slow, twitching, nothing worked. Very frustrating.



Just about everyone caught a Flathead or two during the week, along with a number of juveniles. John and Bruce pumped yabbies and caught a dozen Whiting one day, and only 3 the next from the same area. Live baiting with Whiting only produced Shovelnose Rays to 1.4m. A great fight but a disappointing finish. Plenty of Mud Crabs around but the share croppers were there also. John and Bruce potted 5 the first few days, but none after that. Other guys got a few for the week as well.



Burrum Heads has huge potential. The locals said the river was unusually quiet fish wise while we were there. Maybe next time

John Eldred – Trip Captain

Tweed River Trip Report by Trev Saunders

We have just arrived back from one of the more popular club trips. As time is a factor, I'm doing the report, not the trip captain, JC, who, as usual was at the peak of his organisational effort for the weekend. Well done JC. A great attendance, fifteen attended including family members. Held on the banks of the Tweed at Chinderah in the Homestead Caravan Park. The fishing results weren't that fantastic, with everyone having to move around for a result. Friday afternoon everyone went looking

for Flathead up Terranorah Inlet, only a couple of legal fish were landed, and plenty of throwbacks. Bruce concentrated on Whiting in the Tweed above the van park and was rewarded with a dozen keepers.



The Friday night was spent as usual under JC's big tarp, with everyone joining with a few? drinks and usual yarns. Mal was at his best, trying to cure his flu with antibiotics and op rum & coke. Consequently Saturday was not an early start. We woke to a coolish South Wester coming in, which was not in the forecast. Some decided to try for Flathead again in the river. Three boats trailered up to Tumbulgum, to head up the Rous River for Bass, Tom & Di, Mal, myself & Glenys. Tom & Mal had never been up the Rous before, so it was new water for them. Tom and Di were about an half hour in front of us. We started fishing just below the Byangum Bridge, and with the late start I was a bit pessimistic as to the results. It's good to be wrong sometimes. Second cast a 38cm Bass, 2 casts later Glenys

had a 30cm fish. Mal a little further down landed another Bass. After that flurry of action things went quiet. Mal moved upstream, as we did a short time later. Meeting Tom and Di coming back down. They were trolling and had landed four fish.

Now trolling for Bass is something I have never done in a river. I've probably been a bit of an elitist in that respect, cast and retrieve has always been my chosen method. You always learn something new everytime you go fishing, and this weekend was going to be no different. Tom trolled off downstream, as we continued up. Giving it another half hour, we turned around. Tom and Di were still trolling and had landed another three fish. Right, we've got to give this a go. The tide was low, and the edges of the weed beds were exposed. The trick Tom said was to get the lure running just clear of the bottom at the base of the weeds. Troll too far back and all you picked was weed and snags.



Putting a couple of pink/purple micro mullets, and letting them back about 6m had the desired result, five Bass, one Bream and a Flathead. Tom and Di coming along a couple of hundred metres back landed another four bass. The best being 43cm.

Saturday night was the traditional fish and chip night, and while the festivities didn't reach those of the previous night, another great evening was had.

Another top trip, socially, things learnt, new areas explored for some, which is the prime reason to go on these trips. One the calendar for next year.



The camp on the Tweed



Is he alive?



Christmas get
10th December

Friday night happy hour

together

Don't forget, our end of year social ,6pm Brad's place, 26 Myra St, Kingston. BYO drinks and meat for barby. Soft drinks and salads supplied by club.

CLUB PRESIDENTS REPORT for 2010-2011

Kev has asked me to circulate his presidents report, which usually is printed at the time of the AGM. Unfortunately it was overlooked, which I think everyone will agree, is no reflection on the office bearers.

SBSFC 2011 – 2012 Presidents Report

Firstly I would like to thank those members involved in the committee positions for the past year

Without an active committee, no club or association can run. I'd also like to thank those members who nominated as trip captains or assisted in the organisation of trips and accommodation for the rest of the membership during the past year. I feel this year has been mixed. In the current economic climate I don't believe there would be many clubs or associations that are prospering. Without looking at the member list, I feel the club is in good shape with a strong core of dedicated and very experienced members with a sprinkling of new ones.

We have seen a mixture of visitors to club meetings at various times, some of which have chosen to join as SBSFC members which is very encouraging. I would like to encourage any new members to put their ideas forward at meetings if there is something they would like to know about , or there is a place they would like to fish. I am sure the committee/trip committee would welcome the input and try their best to accommodate these ideas. I would also encourage members to attend what trips they can. What better excuse to escape for half a day than, "But darling, I've been told by the fishing club I have to go, they are expecting me". The trip committee and captains do put a fair amount of time into organising even just the day trips, and it can be disheartening when the weather is good and the trips aren't well attended. We also understand work and family commitments are a fact of life and must come first. We now have 2 to 3 trips of weekend or week duration. Even if you aren't able to attend for the full time, what better way to find out about a new location or get a few tips about what is working, than over lunch or at the end of the day over a couple of drinks.

Unfortunately at meetings now, time seems to always be against us and it's difficult to get much more than a g'day in to most people. I hope the general members are getting a chance to mix and have a

chat about what they have been up to in the past month. I've notice the late night car park meetings are alive and well.

It has been a pleasure to chair meetings this year, and we have had a few laughs out on the water enjoying our chosen pastime in the surroundings and freedoms we have available to us in our area

I wish the incoming committee all the best for the 2011-12 year, fair weather and light winds. I am sure those who have decided to step up for a committee position for the first time, or decided to repeat will be well supported by the membership.

Regards Kevin Ford

Coming Trips to look out for

Albert & Logan Rivers Freshwater 19th – 20th November

Another trip not to forget, Camping beside the Albert River on Mark Ward's property at Kerry. This is a tagging trip held in conjunction with LAFMA (formerly Carpusters). The fishing is for Bass & East Coast Cod. Pairs of fishers are allocated sections of the rivers to fish by the OC Fishing, Lloyd Willmann, to cover the most water possible. Fishing by walking the bank or canoeing. Details November meeting.

Next Year 2012, what to look out for

Borumba Dam

Will we make Borumba Dam in 2012? Mark the 10th to 12th February on your calendar, John Eldred has booked the cabins for this date at the Deer Park. Camping and on site vans are another option. Details as we get closer.

Club Membership Information

Meeting 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

Mal Brown still has a bow mount motor for sale, plus fly rods etc. Last chance before they go on eBay. Contact Mal on 0402 901511

Rods for sale – The newsletter editor still has some of his surplus rods left. Most are \$20 to \$30. Contact me for what's left, if interested.

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

Gem Bait & Tackle – 281 Jacob's Well Rd, Alberton Ph 3287 3868

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**Poor old fishermen
love their blankets**



TRIP CALENDAR 2011

Month	Date	Venue	Species	Boat Ramp / Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain	Comments
January	23rd	Pimpama River	Flathead/Jacks	Norwell or Coomera	N/A	Kevin Ford	Launch from Diamond Head or bridge on Kerkin Road
February	11th, 12th & 13th	Borumba Dam	Saratoga/bass/GP	Imbil	Borumba Deer Park 07 5484 5198	John Eldred	
February	25th	Southern Moreton Bay Macleay/Peel Is	Snapper	Redland Bay Ramp	N/A		
March	13th	Brisbane River	Snapper, threadfin, flathead, bream	Wynnum	N/A		Launch from Boat Passage, Whyte Is
March	26th/27th	Coochin Ck, Bribie Passage	bass, trevally, jacks, flathead etc.	Donnybrook	camping, cabin, caravan park	Mal Brown	Mal, to investigate possible overnight sites in area Members can either do a day trip, evening/morning trip or the whole weekend
April	16th 17th	Maroon Dam	bass	Boonah, Rathdowney	Pontoon or your own vehicle		
May	8th	Power lines, Russell Is, Mouth of Logan area	Bream, Flathead, Mulloway	Cabbage Tree, Dryers	N/A		Lures, plastic or bait
May	21st 22nd	Somerset Dam	Bass, GP	Kirkleigh	Kirkleigh Camp Grounds		
June	5th	Redcliffe	Snapper, flathead	Redcliffe	N/A	Trevor Saunders	Launch from Clontarf Beach, or Queens Beach Nth ramps
July	10th	Wavebreak Is nth wall	Luderick	Grand Hotel ramp or water	N/A		
July	23rd	Jumpinpin	Mulloway	Cabbage Tree	N/A		
August	Sun 7th	Jumpinpin	Flathead	Cabbage Tree, Jacobs Well		Tom Wallbank	Tagging trip for flathead
August	Sat 27	Albert River Alan Wilkie Bridge	Bass	Alan Wilkie Bridge		Lloyd Willmann 0429 614 892	Bass tagging trip, canoes, kayaks and small punts
September	Sat 10	Brisbane River	Snapper, Threadfin, Flathead, Bream	Boat Passage Whyte Island		Trevor Saunders 0418 708 858	Launch from Boat Passage at Whyte Island
October	8 to 15	Burum Heads	jacks, trevally, cod etc	Burum Heads	House	John Eldred 0428 724 100	
October	Sun 9	Moogerah Dam	Bass & Golden Perch	Dam / Boonah		TBC	
October	21, 22, 23	Tweed River NSW	Bass, Flathead, Jack	Homestead Tourist Park Chinderah NSW	Homestead Tourist Park (02) 6674 1824	John Cumberland 0426 266 303	NSW Fishing License Required
November	5 to 11	Glenlyon Dam	Murray cod & G/P	Dam / Tenterfield	Cabins or Camping	Ross Williamson 0407 157 870	
November	19 & 20	Upper Albert & Logan Rivers	Bass, Mary River cod	Beaudesert	Mark Wards property at Kerr	Lloyd Willmann 0429 614 892	Camping is permitted at Marks from Friday arvo for those who wish to go Friday.
December	TBC	Coomera River	Flathead & Jack	Pimpama		TBC	
December	TBA	Christmas Function	Beer & Wine		TBC		