



## Southern Brisbane Sportfishing Club Inc.

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# Newsletter

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### Next Meeting

***THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 3 October, 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:

Lloyd Willmann has arranged an entertaining DVD on Released Fish Survival, and he plans to allow time for some general fishing chit chat at this meeting. Should be a pleasant and enjoyable change.

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

**October Trip:** 8-9 October, Somerset Dam chasing Bass. John Eldred has replaced Chris as Trip Captain, and the Trip Sheet will be available at the September meeting if it is not enclosed with this Newsletter.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The dates for the Lake Monduran Barra Trip have been put back a week to Friday 2 December through to Friday 9 December, and there are places available in the two cabins booked by Ross Williamson and Ray Bricknell if anyone would like to join this trip. Contact Ross or Ray for details.

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

## Flathead Survival Project

We still have not received a preliminary report from Mark McLennan at DPI Fisheries Research yet, apart from what Lloyd Willmann told us at the September meeting, but we are confident of soon having a full prelim report. Watch this space.

## A Whale of a Time at Hervey Bay

Kevin Ford and family, Wife Carole Ann and Daughter Rachel, took some time to visit Hervey Bay on the first weekend of the School Holidays.

Kevin had arranged a trip with local fishing Guide Paul Dolan of Fraser Coast Sportfish on the Saturday, and the plan was also for some Whale Watching as a family trip on the Sunday.

Saturday started early with a 5.30am pick up. Launched at the boat ramp at Urangan and headed around Big Woody Island.

We spotted some Mack Tuna feeding, but they were very spread out. We followed them for a while, but they sounded quickly and we didn't really get a cast at them as they stayed very spread out whenever they broke the surface.

We fished a few tide lines initially, and Paul (the Guide) gave me the rundown on the technique he used. This was quite a physical technique, but similar to some jigging we did in the Maroochy River a few years back when chasing Trevally.

About 30 mins of jigging and we had a solid hook-up. The fish took about 100 metres of line on the initial run, and we took off in pursuit to try to get some line back. We tightened the drag up a bit and the second run was a bit shorter than the first, maybe 50 metres, but it still had the drag smoking. Paul had called it for a big Mackerel and we discussed ways of getting it to the boat.



*Kevin with his Golden Trevally*

We followed this thing around for about 35 minutes before we got it up and saw it was a big Longtail Tuna. Once it tired a bit we had it doing circles which consisted of surfacing away from the boat, diving deep as it approached the boat, and continuing to circle. Each time it did this we got a twang

through the line as the leader must have been flicking off its pectoral fins. This was really unsettling, as the rod was fully loaded all the time and every twang sounded like a broken line.

After another five minutes of chasing this thing across sandflats and into deepwater again we got it up and noticed it had tail wrapped the leader. This is something which happens quite regularly with Long Tail Tuna.

Each time we tried to drive towards it, it would head away from the boat. When we put more pressure on it to try and get it up we would be pulling the tail towards us, and it would simply head away again. Catching any fish by the tail greatly increases the fight! (Ed: As with Tigers!)

We discussed a few different tactics of tailing it, etc. As we lined up to do it, the leader popped as a result of chaffing. Damn!! We had wasted about 45 minutes for no result, but it was a lot of fun.

We headed back to try again, but we found it pretty slow, so we moved to a few different spots. Picked up a Diamond Trevally, a Tea Leaf Trevally and 2x Bludger Trevally at different locations.

Paul decided we would head off to see if we could raise a Queenfish. We headed to Little Woody Island. Paul cast a hookless Popper to try and stir the fish, and I cast a Snapback Soft Plastic in behind to see if they were interested. Twenty minutes and no activity, so we decided to head back to our starting point and try rolling some Shads across the bottom.

We boated 2x flathead, 62cm and 60cm, in pretty short time on a Gold Shad. The 62cm fish was bulging with roe. Both were released.



*One of Kevin's Two Flathead*

Back into jigging for Golden Trevally - had a few bumps and flashes, which was promising. Then, after about another 30 minutes, a bump was followed by a hook-up. Similar feel to the Long Tails, but the initial run wasn't as long. After a short chase and about 15 minutes and we had a Golden Trevally to the boat. Paul tagged it. This is something he has been doing for a while, but he hasn't had a re-capture on any of the fish he has tagged to date. This fish measured 92cm to the tips of the tail.

All in all a top day, catching a variety of species, and with a couple of memorable hook ups.

Sunday saw a strong northerly change come through in the early hours of the morning. Pick up for the whale watching was 8.00am. (You beauty – a sleep in.) A northerly in Hervey Bay is very choppy and, we soon learnt, not pretty. Good thing we had a tablet with breakfast just in case. The girl who was running around with the sea-sick bags was having a busy day!

The boat we were on traveled just past Moon Point before sighting the first whale blows, and a few small pods. The humpbacks were very active, and were breaching about 50 metres away for the boat. They seem to enjoy the swell and were breaching into it a lot. After moving from pod to pod we continued to head north following a few bigger whales, and they soon became very interested in the boat. I guess we had them circling and surfacing and swimming under the charter boat for about one and a half hours. It was amazing to see these whales so close to the boat – we are talking about 1-2 metres away!

When the time came to leave the Skipper had to wait until both the whales were out in front of the boat, and then reverse away from them. The whales actually chased the boat for a short time until we could get turned around and driving away from them.

We were all surprised to see so many whales, and to see them so close up. It was truly a memorable day for all the right reasons.

We can highly recommend Paul Dolan's guiding services, and Tasmin Venture Whale watching charters as a top time.

### **A "True" Story from Garth Dale**

Reading the story of the Pelican with no top to his beak in the September Newsletter reminded me of one I heard at work a while ago. I believe this to be a true story.

The DPI Vet (at Teys Bros) and his wife (who is also a Vet in Beaudesert) were out spending a few days on a houseboat, fishing and relaxing. He is not much of a fisho, but will drive the dinghy around for his wife. Well, they were out one morning and they were catching lots of small fish, which they were throwing back, of course.

A pelican with half its top beak missing and a tear in the pouch under the bottom beak came around to see what was going on, so when the next fish was to be thrown back they threw it in the direction of the pelican. He missed it, because of the tear in his pouch. When the next fish was going back the 'disabled' Pelican was right in close to the boat, and the wife (whom as I said was a Vet) took pity on

the bird. When it came in she close actually dropped the small fish down its throat.

Well, seeing it was on a good thing it hung around and, as soon as a fish went aboard the boat it swam alongside, ever hopeful that it might score again.

After this happened a few times, the bird started to make its move as soon as the rod bent and there were signs of fish on the line. It actually got to the stage where he was trying to get the fish before it was hauled into the boat, which meant that any fish they hooked from then on were brought into the boat in a hurry, with one ending up being hooked up in the nearby mangrove tree under which they were moored.

Well, all the Pelican could see was this fish hanging in the tree flapping around and the wife trying to get it down, so without wasting any time the Pelican started flapping and trying to get into the boat – to help get the fish – and the husband was trying to fend off the Pelican with a paddle.

What happened in the end I don't know, because Dave was laughing so much I could not understand what he was saying at that point. He is not generally a yarn spinner, but it was only after he showed me the scratches on his arms and legs that I realized this probably **was** a true story.

### **A "Good Moral" Story from Geoffrey Daley**

A couple goes on vacation to a fishing resort in northern Minnesota. The husband likes to go fishing at the crack of dawn, and the wife likes to read.

One morning the husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and continues to read her book.

Along comes a Fisheries Inspector in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says: "Good morning Ma'am. What are you doing?"

"Reading a book," she replies (thinking "Isn't that obvious?").

"You're in a Restricted fishing area," he informs her.

"I'm sorry officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault", says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am", he said as he left.

**MORAL:**

Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.

**(Editor's Note:** I really appreciate receiving stories and reports from Members, and I feel sure all our readers appreciate their inclusion in our Club Newsletter. So please – keep them coming!)

**Clark Rubber Official Opening**

It is great to see Clark Rubber operating again, as they stock a lot of products of potential interest to Fishers and Campers. Even better, a branch is now open in Beenleigh.

Many thanks to Geoffrey Daley, Edward Latz, Garth Dale and John Prince for helping man the Free BBQ at the official opening of Clark Rubber Beenleigh on Saturday 17 September. Thanks also to the Franchisees, Max Walker & Andrew Kelly, for their donation of \$200 to the SBSFC for our manning of their promo BBQ.

One very humorous moment on the day is worth mentioning. As David Rawlins said when he phoned in from 'out west', the wind was so strong that day it would 'blow a dog off its chain'. And we were initially set up outside in the gale, where we could not even keep the gas BBQ alight with wind shields tied around it.

Garth Dale (as always) turned up with a thermos and the makings. After placing the coffee and sugar in the cups he reached for the thermos. However, by the time he got it open the wind had swirled around in the cups like a mini Hurricane – and blown most of the coffee out!

That pretty well summed up the day we were having until we were permitted to move the whole operation inside, whereupon we filled the store with smoke. After that, the demand for Sizzled Sausages really went up!

Incidentally, a bit of signage taped onto the table cloth got us four new Prospective Members – hopefully they'll be at the October meeting.

**Proposed Club Website**

Ray Bricknell is about to start a U3A course on Website Design. It is spread over 10 weeks, one lesson per week, so we should not allow our expectations to get too high.

However, Ray has offered to use the development of a site for the SBSFC as his "Course Project", if the club approves, so if any member has any material which might be suitable for inclusion on the Club Website please forward it to: raybrick@bigpond.net.au . No guarantee of inclusion can be given, of course.

Please also forward website addresses of any sites you believe could be of particular use or interest to members or prospective members, so links can be established to them – once we know how!

**News from Other Clubs & Newsletters**

Suntag News: Interesting data

Species	Dusky Flathead ( <i>Platycephalus fuscus</i> )	
Date	30/8/2003	4/9/2005
Length	370mm	610mm
Location	Kedron Brook	Fraser Island

Species	Mangrove Jack ( <i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i> )	
Date	12/5/2003	18/9/2005
Length	340mm	460mm
Location	Daintree River	Cape Bedford

Note: This fish travelled 120 Km north.

**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. Princie 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](mailto: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.

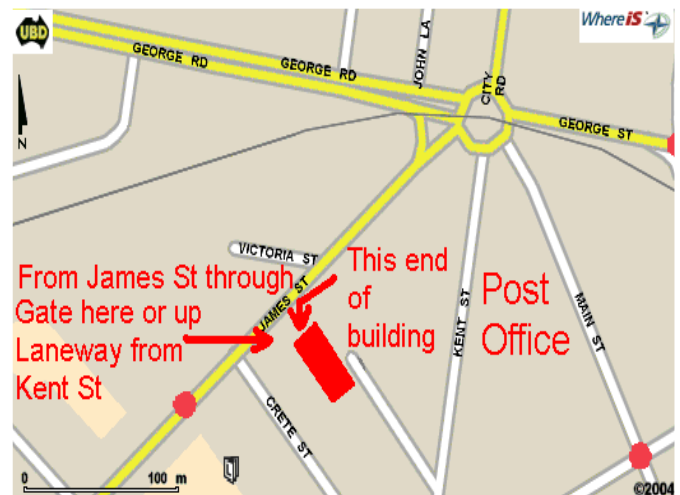
John Cumberland is also getting large and small boat stickers printed, and hopefully these will be available for sale at the September meeting.

**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 this coming***

***Monday night 3 October at 7:15pm, or the first Monday of any month.***

### Meeting Room Location Map:



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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.