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NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 1st of October 2007 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.



Kevin Ford with a 77 cm flathead caught with soft plastics

Guest Speaker:

October meeting guest speakers are Jeff Sorrell and Peter Griffith. Jeff and Peter will be speaking about numerous topics including Moreton Bay pelagic, the Moreton Bay Action Alliance and the Moreton Bay snapper challenge.

Acknowledgement: This Newsletter was kindly copied by Kay Elson, member for Forde, at no charge to the club. Special thanks to Mrs Elson for her kind assistance.

October trip: John Cumberland is trip captain for the annual Tweed River trip, held from the 19th to the 21st of October. This trip will be chasing Bream, Flathead, Jacks and even Australian Bass. Accommodation is at the Homestead Caravan Park in Chinderah. www.homesteadcp.com.au

John's number is 3801 1110, so book your spot!

LAKE MCDONALD TRIP

AUGUST 25TH

By Jeff Maddalena

As I was the only one silly enough to go up to Lake McDonald I thought I should give a brief report.

The weather reports from Cooroy were not sounding too good. The Noosa area had received record-breaking August rainfall. 500 mm of rain had fallen in the days before our scheduled club trip so the weekend was a bit of a washout.

The Maddalena family had already prebooked our accommodation and were looking forward to a nice weekend away. Rachel, Katie and myself travelled up to Cooroy on Friday night. The flooding reports must have kept most of the normal weekend traffic away, so the 2-hour trip up was a very easy drive.

We were staying at the Cooroy Country Cottage. About a 10-minute drive from the lake, this is a great place to relax with walking tracks, gardens, ponds, miniature cattle and horses. The girls loved it.

On Saturday we drove down to the lake to see what was going on. The lake was overflowing and the creek downstream was swollen.



We then stopped in at the boat ramp near the Noosa Botanic Gardens. At the ramp I found a giant earthworm. It was the biggest worm that I had ever seen. It was a bit worse for wear and half its body was flattened. So I quickly rigged it up to a hook. About half an hour later I had my first fish on. An Eel. A slimy Eel!

Sunday turned out to be a beautiful day. Gone was the drizzle so I decided to put the canoe in and go fishing. I wasn't the only one fishing. A couple of locals were out near the aerator and had only managed one fish for the morning. You guessed it, another Eel.

According to my sounder, all of the fish were in the old creek bed. Not much chance of catching them as the murky water had put them off the bite. The water was so murky that I could even hear my sounder working. Time to head in and head for home.

As I was packing up, another local arrived. He was a kayak fisherman and owned a Hobie kayak with pedal drive (the same as Ross Williamson's). He told me that the Bass at Lake McDonald can grow to 50cm and they are quite plentiful.

So that is the trip report. Not much in the way of Bass but it was a great weekend away.

BREMER RIVER LUNGFISH

By Ray Bricknell

Here's a brief item that will interest some members. Whilst enjoying a family picnic at Colleges Crossing Recreational Reserve on Sunday the 9th of September 07, I saw this Lungfish caught in a small lake formed by the damming of the Bremer River.

Caught by a local from Ipswich, the fish measured about 70 cm and would probably have weighed in at 6 to 8 lb

The guy who caught it (on a prawn) said that he caught one almost twice as big a few weeks earlier. Great to see such a rare species has a habitat close to Brisbane where it appears to be thriving.



ALBERT RIVER BASS TRIP

15TH SEPTEMBER

By Jeff Maddalena & Ray Bricknell

Conditions on the Albert River over the past few months have been building to a great opening season for the Bass. Last month's good rains have given the Bass a helping hand to negotiate the Luscombe weir and make it down to the brackish water to spawn.

So it was decided that a club trip in the Albert River chasing Australian Bass was timely. Many of our members were first timers to this section of the river, so it was a very good opportunity for them to explore it.

I arrived at the causeway about 6am and found Lloyd Willmann and Dave Dennis unloading their canoes. David Rawlins, Ray Bricknell and the two Kayak fishermen, Ross Williamson and Glen Kennedy, then joined us.

Lloyd and Dave Dennis decided to head straight upstream. The rest of us started working the banks around the causeway and move upstream.

Just a few casts along the western bank and I had already had my first miscast, hooking some grass. I moved over to the bank and positioned my canoe right alongside the overhanging grass. While I was tugging at my lure, something jumped from the bank – straight into my canoe.

Not knowing what type of beast this was, my first reaction was to scream like a girl and jump up onto the seat. After a moment I did realise that the creature had legs, and that it was just a water dragon - a rather large water dragon. I had to wait for it to stop running frantically around the canoe floor, and managed to grab it behind the head. Dave Rawlins and Ray called out from a short distance away to see what the commotion was about, and I held the dragon up for them to see. Always alert for a good story, Ray suggested I take a picture for the newsletter, but I would have found it hard to take a photo while holding an angry reptile. To make matters worse, when I threw it back up on the bank it wanted to make a beeline back to the water, and nearly jumped straight back into the canoe.



Working our way upstream we came across some snags. The snags were old tea trees that had fallen into the water. Right in the middle of these scrubby snags were some really big splashes. Bass. Big Bass. I managed to catch a glimpse of one fish as it flapped around in the sticks, and I estimate that it may have been around the 45cm mark. David Rawlins saw it also, and agreed with my estimate.

The water was alive with splashes and boils around and amongst these snags. A few casts around the tea tree and it became clear why these fish were acting this way. The bits of debris and sticks that I was bringing back to the boat were loaded with fish eggs. So these Bass were putting on quite a show, but were not in any mood for eating. Watching wild bass spawning was an event that I will never forget.

In fact, this event was in keeping with the whole experience of this trip – one of the best club trips we've done. The fresh water section of the Albert River was just a beautiful place to be early in the morning, with mist rising off the water as the sun rose above the steep banks, and wildlife everywhere you looked. Ray and Dave told us during the BBQ lunch that they had watched a five foot Carpet Snake swim across the river near them, and they paddled over and watched at close range as the snake climbed up the bank and into a tree.

Still moving up the river I came across Dave Dennis. Dave was working the snags with his fly rod in only two feet of water. He landed three Bass, and had numerous hits.

I was working my lures right into the snags. Using a 3D popper I could get it pretty deep under the scrub and overhanging banks

But my first sign of interest was on the retrieve out in the open. This would have been a small Bass, possibly about 15cm. My second hit came from a snag just out from the bank. I don't think this fish was legal either, but it took the popper and then went back to its snag. I had to go right in with the canoe and try (unsuccessfully) to get the fish out of the snag. The lure was down out of sight. I was just lucky that it was a popper that I had found a few months before, so easy come, easy go. Hopefully the fish would have broken the light line before too long.

Lloyd was using spinnerbaits and was having some success. He had managed to land three fish all around 32cm. With the spinnerbaits he could cast right into the structure and not have to worry too much about getting snagged up. Lloyd had never used spinnerbaits in the Albert River before, so it just goes to show that it does pay to try something different. Incidentally, Lloyd had had a session in the same area a few days earlier but had only one hit, and caught no fish, on that occasion.

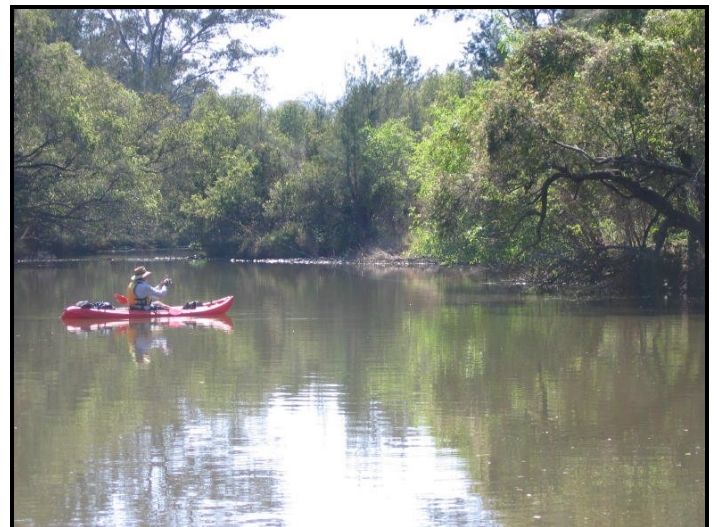


Meanwhile Dave and Ray, as they often do, eventually gave up casting an expensive Rattler, a small hard-bodied lure (one of Tom's mates lures), and a surface walker, and switched to live bait. By then they were as far up the river as it was easy to go, having walked their canoe over one shallow section.

Just as they were about to turn around they saw a clutch of four large Carp swimming so close together they were virtually touching. They were in about a foot of water, and clearly visible. This just goes to show the advantage of the stealth of canoe fishing in such situations – the Carp were virtually under the canoe before

they saw it. David had a Fish Finder on his canoe, so he and Ray started bait fishing the deeper sections of the river where the finder was indicating fish. They used some grubs from Helen's garden – they were the larvae of Rhinoceros Beetles. And the Bass loved them! Ray boated a 35cm Bass and another 32cm, and David dropped one. They only fished this way for less than an hour all up, so this was quite a good result for time spent – especially when compared with some of our club trips to distant stocked catchments.

Of course, whilst the Bass in the Albert River are classified as wild, it is worth noting that they are there thanks to a fish-stocking programme, which Lloyd has been involved with for many years. It is just great to have such a productive Bass fishing area right on our doorstep. Some members who participated in this trip are keen to do it again very soon, so stay tuned if you missed out this time.



Unfortunately, our two Kayak fishermen didn't have a very productive morning. However, although Glen and Ross didn't get any hits they did have a very enjoyable morning on the delightful river. From my experience with canoes and kayaks, it can take a few trips before an area you are new to starts becoming productive. And now they know this stretch of river they will be able to come back for solo-fishing trips and should land some fish. They'll surely back up if the club repeats this trip.

The day was wrapped up with a BBQ lunch. The park at the causeway has a good electric BBQ, picnic tables and toilets.



The Albert River is such a treasure. Not only is it a beautiful place to go canoeing, but also it is alive with wildlife. Tortoise, water birds, snakes, and my favourite, the water dragons, were everywhere. The only thing that lets this area down is the amount of water pollution. Bottles, old tyres and other rubbish were everywhere. The river needs a bigger fresh to clean it out, but meanwhile it still remains alive with fish.

NSW SIZE AND BAG LIMIT CHANGES

The department of primary industry has revised their fishing rules in New South Wales. Some changes include a closed season for Australian Bass (June, July and August). Size limits have also changed. So before going on the Tweed River trip, have a look at the DPI NSW website.

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/regulations>



This Months Tech Tip

Lure Maintenance- Taking care of your lure collection only needs to follow a few simple rules to minimize the likelihood of damage caused by things other than fish.

A few of these rules apply to both your Soft Plastics and Hard Body Lures.

Never leave your Lures lying in the sun or exposed to high temperatures, this goes for either in the car or boat.

At the end of the day, a quick rinse with fresh water and allow them to dry before storing them.

A quick spray of the trebles with Tackle Guard, Cooking oil or a fish oil will go a long way toward stopping rusty trebles.

It is good practice to remove lures and jigheads from your lines before travelling to minimize the risk of personal injury or rod damage.

Do not mix different types of Soft Plastics, There are different types of plastics used in various products and not all are compatible with each other. This also goes for the Hybrid type Hard Bodies like Jackall Mask Vibs, Transams, Mask Lures.

New Products-

[Strike Pro Smelta](#)- Small Twitching Floating Hardbody with Owner Hooks.

[Strike Pro Twitching Pops](#)- Bigger brother to the Rack Popper, at 7 cm these are suited to Estuary and impoundment fish.

[Dizzy's Tournament Gel](#)- 4 different flavours, use it on Hardbody or Soft plastics.

[Lure World Merchandise](#)- New Beanies and Caps added, we haven't forgotten the girls either.

[Lethal leaders](#)- 80lb Jinkai Twisted Leaders added to the Lethal range.

New Colours-

Jackall Bros- [Chubbies](#), [Squirrel 67DD](#) and [TN50's](#)

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JOKE OF THE MONTH

Nine words women use...

- 1.) **Fine:** *This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.*
- 2.) **Five Minutes:** *If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.*
- 3.) **Nothing:** *This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine.*
- 4.) **Go Ahead:** *This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!*
- 5.) **Loud Sigh:** *This is actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to #3 for the meaning of nothing.)*
- 6.) **That's Okay:** *This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.*
- 7.) **Thanks:** *A woman is thanking you, do not question, or Faint. Just say you're welcome.*
- 8.) **Whatever:** *Is a women's way of saying **PISS OFF***
- 9.) **Don't worry about it, I got it:** *Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking 'What's wrong?' For the woman's response refer to #3.*

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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)

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*

WANTED – light spin rod 2 – 3 kg, 6 to 7ft, contact Mark Veivers on 38056125

FOR SALE – **Castrol products**, 7 x 4lt castrol bio-lube 100 full synthetic 2-stroke oil, 3 x 500 ml gearbox oil, and 1 x 500 gm boat trailer grease. \$140 for the lot. Call Peter 0421351825.

FOR SALE – **1 x Shimano 2000LD** charter special spooled with 8kg pretest matched to a Chris Britto custom rod, Live fibre 6-8 kg short stoker plus a spool 6kg pretest & another 8kg pretest. - \$150
Call Peter 0421351825.

FOR SALE – **Rapala Magnum 9 x CD-14 GM** (gold mackerel) sinking. Some still in box. \$80 the lot, don't want to separate.
Call Peter 0421351825.

FOR SALE – **Rapala Magnum CD-9** sinking, 5 x red head/tete rouge body, 1 x Gold Mackerel, 2 x Blue / Black stripe top white body, 1 x green black stripe top / light green body.
\$ 80 the lot. Call Peter 0421351825.

FOR SALE – **12ft Fibreglass Canoe** (reasonable condition) with electric motor (needs work) \$250.
Contact Dave 3387 3787 or 0427 003 787

To place an ad, simply e-mail or give the ad contents to your Editor.
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Fish watch Hotline 1800 017 116
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<http://www.bom.gov.au/index.shtml>
Sweetwater fishing
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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/>

SPECIAL DEALS

Troy Park, Mobile Outboard Mechanic

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

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.

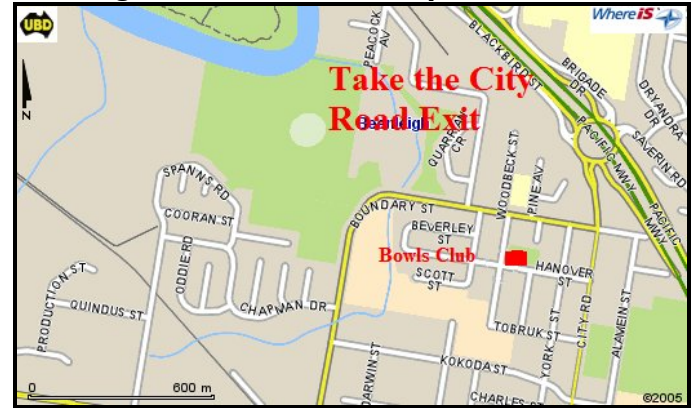
Family Membership - \$78.00 p.a.

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:



Club fees now overdue!!!!!!

Logan River Marine

Logan River Marine has been in business for 30 years. They have always based themselves on good old-fashioned service.

As the boating industry has advanced, so have they, providing to all the modern demands. Whether it is the tuning of a direct injection motor or providing the latest electronic equipment, they always aim to provide for all your boating needs. Please call and talk to their friendly staff. They also offer a 15% discount to SBSFC club members in their Pro Tackle Shop.

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CATCH OF THE MONTH

Proudly brought to you by...



Beenleigh Bait & Tackle are open 7 days early til late. The new owners Bill & Joyce have an extensive range of fishing tackle, will take care of your rod and reel repairs and of course have live – fresh & frozen bait. Ph38072533

Don't forget to show your SBSFC membership card to receive 10% off all tackle at Beenleigh Bait & Tackle.

Email - billbrunswick@mail.dodo.net.au

Web- www.beenleighbaitandtackle.com



Don't worry about the roadwork, Beenleigh Bait & Tackle is still there! Plenty of room for you to drive in with your boat up the Access road.

Dave Weston with a Jungle Perch caught on a small popper (Fraser Island)

Just email your photos to imaddalena@optusnet.com.au and your prized catch will appear in the newsletter.

TRIPS CALENDAR 2007

Month	Dates	Species	Water Body	Nearest Town
March	4th	Snapper	Southern Moreton Bay	Redland Bay Ramp
April	22nd	Bass	Hinze Dam	Advancetown
	21st-25th	Mangrove Jack, Reef & Pelagics	Burrum Heads	Burrum Heads
May	20th	Bream, Flathead, Mulloway	Jumpinpin	Horizon Shores Ramp
June	9th-11th	Bass	Somerset Dam	Kirkleigh
	11th	Snapper	Peel Island	Raby Bay Ramp
July	15th	Bream	Southport Broadwater, Nerang River	Jubilee Bridge Ramp
	25th-28th	Mulloway	Jumpinpin	Horizon Shores Ramp
August	11th-19th	Tailor, Dart & Mulloway	Fraser Island	Poyungan Rocks
	25th	Bass	Lake McDonald	Cooroy
September	8th	Beer	Mid-year Party	Gem Hotel
	23th	Bream, Flathead	Jumpinpin	Horizon Shores Ramp
October	19th-21th	Bream, Flathead	Tweed River	Chinderah
November	17-25th	Bass, Barra	Lake Monduran	Gin Gin
	24th-25th	Bass, Barra	Lenthall's Dam	Marybrough
December	9th	Flathead, Jack	Coomera River	Jabiru Island Ramp