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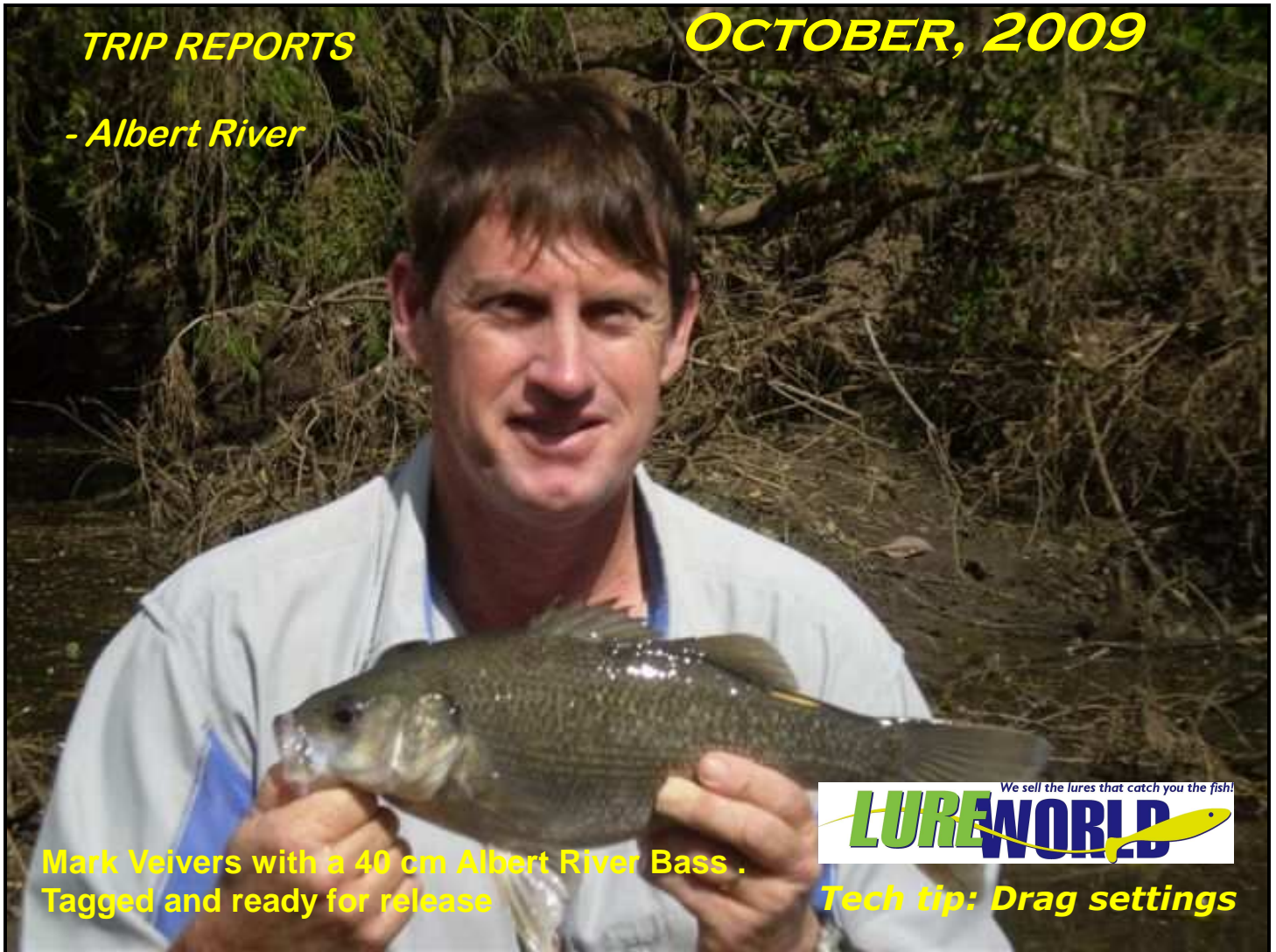
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NEWSLETTER

TRIP REPORTS

OCTOBER, 2009

- Albert River



**Mark Veivers with a 40 cm Albert River Bass .
Tagged and ready for release**



Tech tip: Drag settings

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 5th of October 2009 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 SPEAKER The October meeting will be a briefing on the clubs upcoming cod trip to Glen Lyon Dam. Trevor Saunders and Kevin Ford will be giving a rundown on what you need to make this trip a success.

OCTOBER TRIPS- The local October trip is a Mulloway (jewfish) tagging trip in the Logan River on the 4th. Lloyd Willman is trip captain. Everyone should already have trip sheets for this one. If you don't have any info and would like to go, call Lloyd on 3287 3278.

The second is our clubs major trip for the year to Glen Lyon Dam near Stanthorpe from the 10th to the 18th of October. This trip will be targeting Golden Perch and Murray Cod. Trevor Saunders is trip captain. Information will be available at the next club meeting.

Albert River trip 6th September

By Jeff Maddalena

It was the first weekend of Bass open season and it was time for our annual club Australian Bass Tagging trip in the lower Albert River. Australian Bass have a closed season from the 1st of June and reopens on the 1st of September. Bass will travel downstream to the brackish water to breed in the winter months.

Nine club members in canoes, Kayaks and even a tinny attended this trip with a start time of 6.00am.



Lloyd Willman was trip captain as usual for this trip. Lloyd is also an active member of Carpbusters. Carpbusters is responsible for stocking the Albert River and Logan River with Bass and Cod in the upper sections. This benefits us down here in the lower Albert, so it is always good to give a bit back by tagging as many Bass as we can.

This was one of the best days I have had fishing in the Albert River. About 60 Bass were caught for the morning, average fish size would have been 30cm. The biggest fish was caught by Mark Veivers, which measured up as 40cm.



Geoff Daily and Eddie Latz provided entertainment for the day. These two took a tinnie on the trip and went a fair way up stream. The Albert gets fairly shallow in most places so judging by the profanities coming from Geoff's mouth well lets just say it was a lot of hard work in spots. But they persevered and were rewarded with a few nice fish.

Mark Veivers and Kevin Ford borrowed my spare canoe "Fintastic" for the morning. They had a ball, as it was the first time either had fished this section of the river. They tagged about 16 fish for the morning.



I tagged nine Bass from my black stealthy kayak. Most were caught on ecogear hardbody lures and two were caught with a yozuri Popper. At one stage a lure was hanging from an overhanging branch and a Bass was trying to grab it as it was touching the waters surface.



So if anyone catches one of the tagged Bass in the Albert River they should record the total length of the fish and the measurement to the fork of the tail. Also the date and place that the fish was caught will have to be recorded. The tag will have a number and also a phone number to call. The Suntag phone number is 1800 077 001. This was give valuable insight into growth rate and migration of our Albert River Bass.

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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.

Mark Veivers 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



Tech Tips- Drag settings

Depending on the species of fish we are targeting- we use a variety of drag settings in an estuary situation.

At the moment it is Flathead season. When targeting flathead we generally use a light drag setting as not to pull the hooks out of the fish if we get a light connection to the fish.

A bigger fish hits hard and the lighter gauge hooks on small minnow lures can also be put under some pressure so the lighter drag reduces this pressure on the hooks and the connection to the fish.

We really don't want to drop fish by pulling the lure out of them if they are only lightly hooked.

We'll run light settings over open weed beds and only slightly higher drag setting over stretches of creeks near the entrances to drains and banks which hold bait are all that is required.

The logic we are using is based on Flathead not really being known as a dirty fighter.

Occasionally, a flathead may take you into a snag, but it's not that often. Usually we are pulling them over structure bringing them to the boat.

The lighter setting also makes it less likely to lose a lure if you tow it into a snag, a bunch of weed or old crab pot. Generally we can back up on the lure and it will float free or circle round and go over the spot and shake it out.

As we move into spring, early season Mangrove Jack or other harder fighter estuary species may be encountered, and it becomes more likely they will do you in a snag with a drag light setting. So you need to be prepared to drop a Flathead or two in a session using a higher drag and maybe score a Jack or lose a lure in the excitement of a bursting powerful run that is obviously not a flathead. If something unexpected hits, the only option you have is to try and thumb or palm the spool. Sometimes it works other times its not so successful. Almost certainly you need to be holding the rod when it goes off.

It's a price to pay either way, but with Flathead being the target species we are prepared to take the chance.

Come closer to Summer we'll access the areas we are trolling and will step up in leader size and increase the drag setting and move to target Jacks instead of Flathead in some of the local trolling areas we've been targeting.

So we would be prepared to drop a Flathead if they're still in the area, but would be targeting the banks a bit tighter to structure in pursuit of a Mangrove Jack.

We would employ the same logic on Barra and Bass in the impoundments.

In open areas of the dams we would run lighter setting to avoid pulled or straightened hooks.

If trolling the old creek beds, Weed beds and around identified snags, we would tighten up the drags and be prepared for a bust-off or to pull some hooks.

Give it a go, there not much better than hearing the drag going off and a good fish coming to the net.

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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LIBRARY STUFF

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- 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
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- Basic Bait Fishing (DVD)
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- Queensland's Offshore Fishing Guide (NAFA / Tourism Queensland)
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Sweetwater fishing <http://sweetwaterfishing.com.au/>

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Bonzer imports <http://www.bonzerimports.com/>

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SEQ kayak fishing

<http://members.optusnet.com.au/aus-kayak-fishing/>

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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.

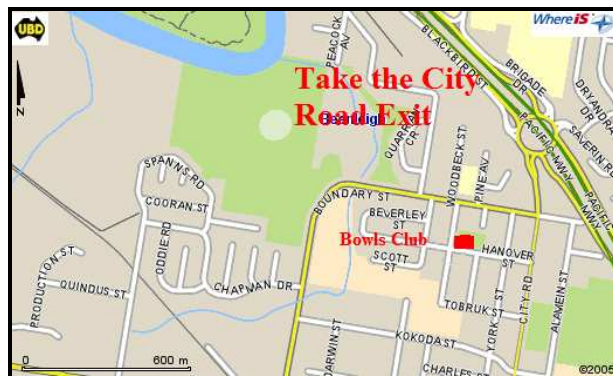
Single membership - \$60.00 p.a.

Family Membership - \$80.00 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**



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

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2009 SBSFC TRIPS CALENDAR

HOME TRIPS

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	Pimpama River	25th	Mangrove Jack / Flathead			Craig Milne
February	Southern Moreton bay islands	22nd	Snapper			Mark Veivers
April	Mid Nerang	TBA	Bream / Mangrove Jack			Kevin Ford
April	Hinze	26th	Bass			Jeff Maddalena
May	Brisbane River / Mud Island	3rd	Snapper			Dave Dennis
June	Peel Island	21st	Snapper			John Cumberland
July	Jumpinpin / Marks Rocks (special)	1st - 3rd	Jew			Tom Wallbank
August	Tipplers	16th	Flathead			Dave Dennis
September	Albert River	6th	Bass			Lloyd Willmann
October	Logan River	4th	Jew	Beenleigh		Lloyd Willmann
November	Jabiru Island	1st	Mangrove Jack / Flathead / Cod			Jeff Maddalena
December	Xmas Party					

AWAY TRIPS

Month	Venue	Date	Species	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Trip Captain
January	N / A					
February	Borumba Dam	20th-22nd	Saratoga / Bass	Imbil	Borumba Deer Park 07 5484 5196	John Eldred
March	Upper Albert & Logan	21st- 22nd	Bass / Cod	Kerry	Camping	Lloyd Willmann
April	Coochin Creek	4th - 5th				
May	Maroon Dam	9th - 10th	Bass	Boonah	Camp Lakefire	
June	Richmond River	6th - 7th		Ballina		
July						
August	Pumicestone Passage	TBA	Snapper	Donnybrook		Neil McNeil
September	Tweed River / Chinderah	11th - 13th				John Cumberland
October	Glen Lyon	10 th - 18 th	Cod	Stanthorpe		
November	Monduran	18th	Barramundi	Gin Gin		Ross Williamson