



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting Monday 1st October

7pm Beenligh Bowls Club

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Next Meeting

We were going to have Tom and Lloyd do a report on the ANSA state meeting at Yeppoon. For those going to Iluka, Steve Watson from the Brisbane Sportfishing Club is coming along to give us a rundown on the Big River. Steve has a holiday house down there, and lived in the area in his early years, plus spending more holidays than he can count, so he knows it like the back of his hand.

Presidents Report

I have to apologise for not putting Kev's report in the last newsletter.

2011-12 SBSFC Presidents Report.

I'd firstly like to thank the 2011-12 Committee for running the SBSFC for the past year. Without the times the committee puts into the day to day activities we wouldn't have a club, and we'd be a bunch of cranking old f^*ts with a lot less friends.

I'd also like to thank the members for participating in the activities planned and held, I hope and am sure they have seen a benefit. If they feel the club isn't delivering or meeting their needs, I'd encourage them to ask more questions and let us know what they'd like or of or less of. The club exists for its members and in evidently as members change, the output of the club may also need to be adjusted so those members' needs are fulfilled.

The past year has been "steady". While the club has picked up new members we have seen members not renew or leave for a few reasons. This is just part of the normal cycle and not different to what has occurred in the past. As we are all aware times are tough economically and time wise at the moment, and I doubt SBSFC is any different from any other organisation in these times.

The club still has a very strong nucleus of core members with a wealth of knowledge and who are willing to pass on this knowledge when asked upon, this in itself adds a lot of value to incoming members of the SBSFC and we should be mindful of this when we have new people on board. The trip committee have done an excellent job in continuing to put together a diverse series of trips which, as well as adding variety, also allows us all to continue to learn and try new techniques and challenge ourselves. The calendar now has some excellent trips, and I'd encourage members to make the most of this opportunity to participate. Thank you also to the trip captains for putting together the trip sheets for each trip.

I also encourage members to be involved politically to protect our common interest, fill out any petitions circulated or send an email when the opportunity is presented. There are any number of issues being run at any time. If you are not happy about a proposal at least try and have your say on

how you feel. My only personal concern is there are many organizations with an interest in the fishing industry and I see the efforts are not co-ordinated, but at least there are many interest groups now, wanting to have a say.

I welcome the incoming committee, and while changes to roles are minimal, I'd encourage those who haven't filled a role for a few years, or new members to the club to think about stepping up and taking on a position next year.

I wish everyone good fishing opportunities for the next 12 months, and look forward to good times on the trips and at our gatherings.

Goods times and good fishing to you for the next year.

Regards , Kevin Ford, President SBSFC

Trip Report – Moogerah Dam

Ever had one of those weekends when you should have stopped home. Well this was one. Owen was my offsider for the weekend and we got away from Brisbane at 5am. A talk to Mal during the week, indicated he was going up on the Friday. Just through Boonah, as we crested the top of the range between Boonah and Aratula, my mobile rang. A text message from Kev. The house had been unfortunately burgled during the day, so naturally he wasn't coming. Coming into sight of the camp ground, it was wall to wall tents along the water's edge. The enthusiasm dropped at notch. Driving in we were confronted by a closed boom gate. Going up to the office, which didn't open until 7.30, there were a bundle of tickets on the door which gave you the pin to operate the gate, and the number was valid until 7pm, which gave day fishermen a reasonable time to depart. The time the pin started, I don't know.



We drove through the camp ground looking for Mal, no sign. Calling him, we found he was just filling up at Cleveland. Another 30 minutes wasted. We launched and headed up into timber, trolling. We worked the edge of the creek bed. Not a touch, Right, we'll try casting. Dropping the electric, we moved 3m, and nothing. Left and right steerage, no forward thrust. Plan B shot to the s***house, back to trolling. We worked the edges of the timber, over rocky bottoms, nothing. What fish we saw on the sounder were sitting on the bottom, not even around what bait schools were showing up. By this time the jet skis and ski boats were full on, making looking for fish in the deeper water difficult, if not dangerous. Mal answered a radio call, and he was trolling his way up. We tried drifting over shows of fish jigging Jackalls and blades, and working spinnerbaits along the bottom. Nothing.

We came across Mal in his yak (redesign mark 3) untangling the line from his prop (no more tight turns) and compared notes. He had had the same big zero. It was now midday so we headed back to the ramp. We were the only vehicle when we put in, now about 30 were parked there. Skiers with their shelters all along the water, partying on. Naturally morale was dropping fast, so it didn't take much convincing to pull the pin and head home. That night Mal rang and said he had call from Neil McNeill, who was up there and looking for our camp. He decided to head up late on the spur of the moment. He came back the same night, the crowd and their behaviour didn't go down well. If anyone else went up and couldn't find us, I apologise. If they did I hope they caught something.



Here he comes, there he goes

Owen Powell's UK Adventures

Owen very kindly put together some words and pics on his trip to the UK, where he naturally went fishing in some of his old haunts and further afield. Over to Owen.

Owen Powell – Fishing UK 2012 – The Good and the Bad

My first session was on the Gloucester to Sharpness canal where I had learned to fish and had enjoyed many competition successes. We were to spin for Pike, Zander and Perch (Redfin). A few follows, one small perch and then a cloudburst and a very wet Owen. Next was a visit to Scotland, which included 3 days fishing in the Hebrides, and the promise of salmon, trout and sea fish, according to the contacts. Well there had been a drought, the rivers were low and the salmon still at sea. When we arrived "our man" immediately apologised for the bad fishing, due to low clear water. We later found out that just previously some other clients staying with him had spent several days for no results. We tried fly fishing for trout in a loch, drifting in a row boat. The strong winds made fly fishing all but impossible, even a large rock as a drift anchor couldn't slow us down enough to present a fly.



Our next fishing trip was at Stornaway on Harris, sea fishing for Pollock. Initially because of the bad weather the fishing guide was reluctant to go. With the wet weather gear on, a trip of 30 minutes saw us at an island with huge cliffs, covered in nesting seabirds. Fishing in the lee, we were sheltered from the wind and rain. My nephew, Nick, caught 2 Pollock before I had a line in. We used 7 inch long, narrow bodied soft plastic paddle tails, and working them through the weed at depths between 10 to 30 metres. The bites varied between soft pulls to violent takes, that seemed to depend on the depth and weed. Within a short time we were catching fish for fish. I had the most species (a small coalfish)

and the largest was about 4kg. We lost a few fish in the weed, but had caught over 40 Pollock that the guide estimated at totalling 120kg in the 2 hours fishing.



Lastly it was freshwater fishing at a lake back in Gloucestershire, float fishing for Carp with bread, corn and pellets. I love float fishing and was soon catching a lot of small fish, but where were the bigger ones? Just

along the lake my mate Barrie was into the Carp, up to 4kg on legered pellets. The rig included a feeder and the pellet wasn't put on the hook, it was in a small elastic clip next to the bare hook. Barrie gave me a rig and I soon caught a couple of better Carp. How methods change. It was near the end of the day, so I changed back to a float, my favourite method.



Owen Powell – Champion match angler

Yaking on the Brisbane River by Glen Kennedy

A fishing mate (Shane) suggested we try for Bass in the Brisbane River as soon as the Bass season opened earlier this month. He had bought a second hand kayak for just this purpose about 6 months ago, and this was his first opportunity to try it out. We picked the day well in advance and decided on launching from Shines Road at Wivenhoe Pocket. The day was fine and warm, but 30 knots winds were predicted. We hoped the high river banks would offer some protection.

They don't call the launching site Heartbreak Hill for nothing, a skinny dirt track down a very steep hill from Shines Rd had to be negotiated with care. A few slips on the way down but no harm done. We needed ropes to control the descent of the kayaks and having two sets of hands and eyes meant we finally reached the river with all the gear intact. The river had plenty of snags in the form of dead timber along the banks, and we were looking forward to casting some lures to them. The water quality and visibility was reasonable, we just needed the Bass. We had consulted some local as to what to expect and the advice was that the Bass along this stretch do not hide in snags, but could be caught in open water which was unusual.



Heartbreak Hill



We launched from a small beach with some shallow rocks and logs that were easily negotiated. Shane caught nice Bass of about 45cm on his first cast with a soft plastic. A photo and it was released. Too easy. The wind was constant, pushing us upstream. We concentrated casting to timber for the next hour, but no hits. I decided to troll some hard body divers and was finally rewarded with two bass of 35 and 40cm. A Yellowbelly of 55cm was the last fish caught. We decided to

call it a day and come back when the wind wasn't as strong. The return trip up the hill was tough, but we did it in stages.

We went to this spot because the locals experts recommended it. We now know there is a much easier launching spot further along at Harlong Rd. One of the local residents has objected to kayakers accessing the river from his street, and I believe has illegally fenced off access to the river which is on Crown land or similar, certainly not on his land or that of any other resident. The dispute has been active for over a year, with the council issuing demands to the landowner. Hopefully the authorities will not take any action to prevent public access to this stretch of water. With the release of water from Wivenhoe during and after the floods, it would appear the Bass population have headed down and taken up residence in the Brisbane River to proved a welcome opportunity for sportfishermen.



Thanks for reading, Glen Kennedy



Coming Trips

13th to 20th October – A week trip to Iluka. All details for those going should be well in hand by now. John Eldred is the organiser. Pete Thomson is looking for a deckie for part of the week.

26th/27th/28th October – Our regular trip to the Tweed River at Chinderah. JC is the trip captain for the weekend. JC will send out a trip sheet.

3rd/4th November – Our regular trip to Mark Wards property on the Albert R at Kerry, for our Bass & Cod tagging weekend in conjunction with LAFMA. Arrival on the Friday if you are able. If you are going let Lloyd know. The lack of rain will mean the river will be not running as well as last year, unless we get some in the time leading up.

9th to 16th of November – A well attended regular trip, Glenlyon Dam 2 cabins booked

8th of December – Christmas social, again Brad Baldwin has kindly made his entertainment area available for the club. Confirmation of date, times etc by October meeting.

The Bad News Section

Tags and Tagging

With the new State Government budget cuts, the 25 year funding of the fish tagging scheme has been cancelled. This means the supply of free tags has finished. If you have any tags and **do not actively engage in tagging**, please return them to Kev Ford. The cost of tags will be \$1.50 per tag until hopefully a sponsor comes along.

Fisheries Budget Cuts

I was just about to send the newsletter out, when an e mail came from Loyd re the “gutting”, to put it bluntly, of Queensland Fisheries, especially the freshwater side. No more freshwater fisheries workshops, no fingerling money to non SIP groups, no grants and support to aquaculture and native fish hatcheries. No more money for fishcare volunteers, no more research into fish ladders to name a few. They are keeping the SIP scheme for the moment, and still levying the \$18 per boat rego, that funds some of the above. John Eldred has sent out an e mail as well, which explains it further.

Stop Press - Just had a email from Ray Bricknell, which all of you should have received. Ray being a person well versed in dealing with higher authorities, has put in words questions, that need to be asked. I think Ray would be quite amenable to members using his words in an e mail to their local member. I certainly have. Thanks Ray.

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

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

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