



## Southern Brisbane Sportfishing Club Inc.

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# Newsletter

## September, 2004

### Next Meeting

***THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 6 September, 2004 at the Neighbourhood Centre, Mansfield Walk, Beenleigh (between the roundabout and Crete St).***

The venue can be accessed for off street parking via Kent Street (behind the Police station), or via James Street, just up from the Court House. Otherwise, park in James Street and walk behind the Gold Coast City Council branch office.

**NOTE:- We have a Bar**

**MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW Overdue! Please Pay.**

Single membership is \$55.00 p.a. - Family Membership is \$75.00 p.a.

### NEXT TRIP

**WEEKEND 11/12 September**

***Tweed River – Flathead & Bream***

**Last year this was a great weekend – let's make it even better this year. Trip sheet attached.**

**Trip Captain: John Cumberland – [cumberlanj@powerup.com.au](mailto:cumberlanj@powerup.com.au); Ph: 3801 1110; 0421 281 805**

**Guest Speaker:** No Guest Speaker this month – Lloyd Willmann will give us an update on the ANSA Conference at Yeppoon, and we'll throw around some ideas as to how to make our trips more popular, and hence better attended, and also how to increase our membership – and hence our revenue (before we go out backwards, as forecast as a possibility by the Treasurer at the recent AGM.

**PLEASE COME PREPARED WITH YOUR IDEAS TO HELP THIS CLUB GROW LARGER AND FINANCIALLY STRONGER – WE NEED TO TAKE SOME POSITIVE ACTION RIGHT NOW!**

**October Trip: TBC - WEEKEND MURRAY COD TRIP – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October? - SEVERN RIVER**

Stay at Storm King Recreational Centre, 10km from Stanthorpe.

Min. Cost: \$5.35 per person per night, if minimum 20 people attend. Total cost \$107.00 per night divided by number

attending. **Firm bookings required at September meeting please.** 23rd & 24th October currently booked, but this booking needs to be confirmed ASAP. Trip Captain: John Cumberland Ph: 3801 1110 (To be confirmed).

**Future Trips:** See list below – last page of Newsletter.

**Committee Members:** See below – at end of Newsletter.

### News Item: LAKE CESSBROOK UPDATE

My thanks to John Cumberland for these little snippets from the Toowoomba Chronicle 20/21 August 2004:

“The camp ground and boat ramp at cressbrook are closed until further notice. Toowoomba city Council closed the camping ground due to a pump breakdown that supplies water to the showers and toilets. The boat ramp is closed to all trailered craft until further notice. **Low water levels make it difficult to launch and retrieve trailered boats safely.** The ramp remains open to craft which can be launched by hand, such as small tinnies and canoes.”

A local's comment in response to the above:

“I was told the camp ground re-opened this afternoon.

‘The boat rap was a 🤔🤔🤔 disgrace. I pay rates and pay to get in, and they don't want to spend a brass radoo on the boat ramps.

‘If you were foolish enough to reverse down the concrete part, you faced a drop of 6 to 8 inches onto the gravel before getting bogged in the rutts left by heroes 🤔 in 4x4s spinning wheels whilst pulling their 12 foot tinnies out. I watched a bloke pull a 14 ft tinny out with an old Corolla one day, no trouble. Next came a Landcruiser, similar boat, clouds of dust and roaring engine, and he very nearly dug himself a hole big enough to lose the boat in. A bloody hero!

‘The Cressy ramp was bad for a bit, when the water was on the crusher dust the council put down to "fix" the ramp, but once it got below that there weren't any dramas.”

The fishing hasn't been great, but still enough to keep interest up and a bit of size to them too, which is nice...

**A Reminder:** Flathead Classic – Gold Coast Sportfishing Club – 30 Sep to 2 Oct 2004.

### North Brisbane SFC is Catching Fish!

Fish tagged 2003 – 04 Fishing Year.

Barra	4
Bass	82
Cod B/spot	2
Bream	55
Flathead	118
Gold spot estuary cod	4
Yella's	1
Mangrove Jack	1
Red Emperor	1
Sillago Ciliata	1
Silver Perch	2
Tailor	3
Grand Total	274

Maybe the SBSFC has to lift its game in the tagging area? What's that? First catch some fish?

### CHRISTMAS WEEKEND AT CROWS NEST

Let's all try to get to Crows Nest for the weekend

5 - 6 December for a Gourmet Weekend to celebrate Christmas as a Club – and do a bit of fishing in Lake Cressbrook (not much water, and BIG Bass to be had!) Book directly with the Crows Nest Caravan Park – details below.

## **THE FISHING PARTY**

Have you heard of The Fishing Party?

No, it's not a booze-up, or even a group of fishers out on a trip – **it's the very catchy name of an embryo Political Party here in Queensland.**

See over for more on this....

Spearheaded by Kevin Collins out of North Queensland, The Fishing Party is being established to give political clout to the slogan: **I fish, and I vote! (See flyer attached to this Newsletter.)**

In a recent email kindly forwarded to me by John Cumberland, The Fishing Party lists its activities over the past three months as follows:

"I have dot pointed our progress and achievements to date and any members or potential members are welcome to contact me personally if they have any questions, suggestions or input. 0414 785 462 email kc@whitsunday.net.au

We are here for you and to try to represent your views.

Our activity to date (in no real order) is as follows.

- First public Rally in Cairns to be followed by rallies in Mossman and Townsville on 27/28<sup>th</sup> July,
- Extensive media coverage throughout NQ and in Courier mail and Sunday Mail Discussions with both ABC 7.30 report and 60 Minutes Ongoing.
- Initial discussions with professional election campaign organisor
- Discussions with a number of sitting politicians over
- Engaged a highly credentialed marine research scientist to compile a dossier of scientific facts which debunk much of the GBRMPA propaganda
- 600 business mail out to boating and tackle trade seeking sponsorship support
- Active in print media via press releases and response to GBRMPA & Qld Government GNS closures. join the party and agree to lend both their name and support to our cause
- Call for nominations for senate candidates

## **Fishing Clinics to Encourage Girls to Fish Too**

In a bit of a contradiction of some of its apparently Anti-Fishing policies (See article further on), the Queensland Government is running fishing clinics for kids.

"Under the State Budget handed down last month, funds have been allocated for at least a further 15 clinics to be held this financial year," Mr Palaszczuk said.

'At each clinic, up to 40 children are introduced to fishing by officers of the DPI&F and Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol as well as Fishcare volunteers. Each child receives a free rod, reel and equipment.

The venues for future clinics are Groper Creek (Burdekin region), Barney Point Beach (Gladstone), Paradise Point (Gold Coast) and Lions Park (Burrum Heads). For details, contact the Department.

## **Three million more reasons to fish inland**

A Queensland Government scheme to raise extra funding for freshwater fish stocking in 29 inland dams across the State has paid for the release of more than three million native fish fingerlings over the last four years.

Visit <http://statements.cabinet.qld.gov.au/cgi-bin/display-statement.pl?id=2310&db=media> for more info.

## **The trout, the whole trout and nothing but the trout**

Confusion about common fish names will soon be a thing of the past with respect to Australian fish names.

Visit [www.csiro.au/index.asp?type=mediaRelease&id=FishNames&style=mediaRelease](http://www.csiro.au/index.asp?type=mediaRelease&id=FishNames&style=mediaRelease) for more information.

## **Riverfestival 2004, 27 August – 5 September**

Brisbane is preparing to take its place centre stage in the annual showcase of innovative, celebratory, and educational events for Riverfestival, which also includes the annual Seafood Festival.

Visit [www.riverfestival.com.au/](http://www.riverfestival.com.au/) for more information.

## **Coming Soon - Fantastic Fish Calendar 2005**

[http://www.sbsfc.dyndns.org/members/index\\_files/news/sep04.htm](http://www.sbsfc.dyndns.org/members/index_files/news/sep04.htm)

17/09/2007

Hi fish people,

In my spare time I have been producing a fishy calendar for 2005. The calendar is now at the printers and should be available in the first week of August.

The calendar is illustrated by Roger Swainston with fantastic drawings of common species such as coral trout, spanish mackerel, mullet, snapper as well as tiger shark, weedy seadragon and others.

The calendar contains key dates, biological information, best fishing days (based on barometric pressure), hotspots, holidays and much more.

Cost will be \$19.95 plus postage. I will be sending out a very limited number of free copies soon. If you want more info or wish to make a comment please call me on 07 4774 1549 (ah) or 041872658.

I am still finalising details of a launch(s) and distribution strategy (any ideas very welcome).

Dr Adam Smith MBA FAICD AFAIM  
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## **MORE RECREATIONAL FISHING CLOSURES IN GBR**

The Queensland Government has announced its plans for complimentary(?) zoning in Great Barrier Reef State waters. Details of the plan are on the web at [http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks\\_and\\_forests/marine\\_parks/proposed\\_gbr\\_zoning/](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/marine_parks/proposed_gbr_zoning/)

**Mr Bill Turner, Chairman of SUNFISH Qld, today said that recreational fishers in Queensland are wondering when the closing down of areas to recreational fishing is going to stop. We are being hit from every side by commonwealth and state agencies all concentrating on shutting down fishing.**

**In effect the latest proposal by the EPA Minister will see an additional shutdown of a further 20% of Queensland's coastline between high and low water to all fishing activity, and another 10% of restricted yellow zones, he said. Considering that anglers have already lost access to 33% of fishing areas in the past few weeks, statements by the Minister that "these additional closures will benefit recreational fishers" are being met with disbelief and anger by 800,000 recreational fishers.**

**Mr Bateman , EO of SUNFISH Qld, said that the Minister would have everyone believe that the "yellow areas" stop commercial fishing. Anglers should be aware that 400m commercial bait nets (allowed to take fish for sale), crab pots and commercial line fishing are still allowed in the proposed areas.**

**76% of Queensland's recreational fishers use this shoreline to go fishing, and to shut areas, just to conform, is not acceptable he said. It will affect jobs in tourism, accommodation, boat sales, tackle and bait shops and reduce fishing expenditure.**

**Mr Turner said that recreational fishermen in Queensland over the past 2 years have experienced a massive amount of closures without reliable scientific information to back the decisions. These proposed closures are no exception and have no scientific basis for their introduction.**

**This latest proposal follows recreational fishing closures by the GBRMPA, the State Government Coral Reef fishing closures, Grey Nurse Shark closures, and catch restrictions on a range of nearly all recreationally caught fishes, he said.**

**In the opinion of most recreational fishers, this is just another opportunity for the "conservation arm" of governments to implement fishing closures, Mr Turner said. The worst aspect is that it is not encouraging anyone to take up the sport.**

### **FUTURE TRIPS:**

**SPECIAL TRIP NOVEMBER 13th -20th**

**LAKE AWOONGA - BARRAMUNDI**

Accommodation Lake Awoonga Caravan Park

Ph: 4975 0155

Trip Captain – to be advised.

**NOVEMBER - SUNDAY 21st**

**MAROON DAM DAY TRIP - BASS**

Trip Captain – to be advised.

**DECEMBER 5th & 6th CRESSBROOK DAM**

**BASS/GOLDEN PERCH – Ladies Included – Club Christmas Dinner at Crows Nest Caravan Park.**

Accommodation: Crows Nest Caravan Park – Book early please – Evan & Gayle Jones

Ph (07) 4698 1269, Fax (07) 4698 1900; email [crowsnestvanpark@cnet.com.au](mailto:crowsnestvanpark@cnet.com.au) ; or Cressbrook Dam camp ground if preferred.

\$3.50 per night self registration at camp ground -

CONTACT TO BOOK: PH: 4688 6540

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