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# **NEWSLETTER**

**SEPTEMBER, 2009**

**TRIP REPORTS**

**Tipplers**



**John Eldred's haul of Nerang River Whiting thanks to some Gem bait & tackle worms.**



**Tech tip: leaders**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 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** This month our guest speakers are club members Tom Wallbank and Dave Dennis. The Nights talk will be on Flathead fishing. Our two club experts will be sharing a few tips for fishing the Jumpinpin area.

**SEPTEMBER TRIPS-** The first of our trips this month is our annual Bass tagging trip on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. This is for kayaks and canoes and is in the section of water upstream of the causeway at Stanmore. This trip is the day before the next club meeting so for more information contact the trip captain Lloyd Willmann on Ph: 3287 3278.

The second trip is to the Tweed River from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be staying at the Homestead caravan park at Chinderah. We will be targeting anything with fins. John Cumberland is trip captain and will have more information at the next meeting.

## **That's Fishing...**

By Ray Bricknell

Anyone who uses anything other than hard bodied lures to catch Flathead hasn't thought about it, in my humble opinion. And it is a HUMBLE opinion because, as everyone in the Southern Brisbane Sportfishing Club knows, I am a Mug Fisher.

But I do listen to others in the club, and try to learn from them. That, after all, is what ANSA Sportfishing Clubs are all about.

So I listened when our "experts" told us on one of our Species nights where to catch Flathead in August in S.E.Qld – the spawning season. And I listened when Tom Wallbank, operator of Jumpinpin Charters and a great club member, told me to use one of the smaller lures made by his mate (the train driver) when trolling for Flathead around the shallows of the southern Moreton Bay/Jumpinpin area.

But now I have a sad story to tell.

My wife's brother introduced me to my wife (his sister) more than 50 years ago – we'll have been married for 50 years in June 2010. And not only am I still married to my original wife, but her brother and I are still mates.

Except for one thing. He is not too keen on fishing!

Lord knows, I've tried to convert him. Years ago I took him fishing for Blackfish at the mouth of the creek at Kingscliffe, and we slaughtered them. Got some cabbage off the nearby rocks, found a little school of 24 Blackfish just inside the mouth, and we caught the lot! I got the last one on a piece of cabbage about the size of a match head. (Those were the days when we had not even heard of "Catch and Release", but we didn't waste the fish. The extended family all ate "fresh" that night.)

"That's the sort of fishing I like", he announced. Well, fancy that!

Now semi-retired, he is at last beginning to understand that fishing is not just about catching fish. It's about being close to nature; enjoying a day out with a mate in the boat; swapping news and stories as the day progresses. So I persuaded him to come fishing with me in my little tinnie recently – he now owns a boat; bigger, of course. Mostly fishes in Moreton Bay. But it was too windy that day, so we went down to the Pin area in my boat instead.

I even introduced him to pumping Yabbies. Hopeless, of course – so I had to do most of the pumping. (I really like it better when all I do is pick up the Yabbies pumped out by my good mate Dave Rawlins – world champion Yabby pumper, and SBSC member.) And we pumped up some sort of thick Worm I have never seen before. That's fishing, isn't it?

Then off we went to The Pin to try for some Bream near the entrance to Swan Bay. No luck – too windy and rough anyway. So I navigated us to the little side creek off Cobby Cobby Passage, as recommended by one of the “experts” in the club. Probably Tom Wallbank.

At first we tried drifting with live Yabbies. (I'll have more to say about bait Vs lures in a later article.) Not bad. The fish were biting, and I caught three Flathead and three Winter Whiting, all on Yabbies. (Ah well, it WAS still winter.)

Then, following Tom's advice, I rigged us each a rod with a SMALL hard bodied lure. Then I took the tinnie into the shallows and we trolled around for a while. My B-in-Law really hasn't fished much, so I did everything for him!

I was looking out the back to see where our lures might be going, when suddenly I heard a clunk on the side of the boat. I looked around to see a well-bent rod over the side, with a bloody great big Flathead on it. Half out of the water.

Fair dinkum, he did everything you could possibly do to lose that fish. Slack line. Fish half out of the water. A whack on the side of the boat. But it stayed on long enough for me to net it for him. Amazing.



60 cm long, it was clearly a breeding female, so I wanted to release it. The trouble was, it

had gulped the little hard body down so far it was practically in its stomach.

I frantically threw heaps of stuff out of the top of my tackle box onto the floor of the boat looking for a plastic lure remover. No luck.

In any event, when I looked harder it was obvious this fish was doomed – the lure was just too far down into its gullet to get the trebles out. So I killed it, and he and his wife ate it that night.

But where's the justice? I chose the lure and the spot. I rigged the line because he couldn't do a non-slip loop knot. I drove the boat. I netted the fish before he lost it, as he was certainly doomed to do.

The score for the day was six fish for Ray; one fish for John.

But mine were all under-sized. His was 60 cm. there's no justice!

But...that's fishing!

## **Tipplers passage trip**

By Jeff Maddalena

Although this was meant to be the Tipplers trip I do not think any of our members actually fished there. Most chose to fish at the mouth of the Pimpama River and some like Kevin Ford and Brad Baldwin fished Macleay Island and the Jumpinpin area. Most members launched their various vessels from Diamond Head ramp at Pimpama.

Nine club members and two guests attended this trip. We always get a good attendance for trips in this area, as this is a very productive fishing spot.

Ross Williamson and Chris Lund were fishing from their kayaks around the oyster leases. Ross was a bit put off when JC and Neil McNeil pulled up for a chat and cast ether side of Ross's kayak and both hooked up and

landed flathead. Ross then switched to hardbody lures and hooked up with good size flattie.

Chris was struggling a bit and didn't catch a fish all morning. It was a bit frustrating for Chris; it was one of those days that nothing went to plan.

My morning was going great, the water was really clear even for a runout tide and this made the weed beds around the river mouth extremely visible. Great for lure casting. I started working the drop-offs right from the boat ramp.



The first cast I hooked a "stripey" it was only slightly larger than the lure it attacked. After a few more lure changes I hooked up with a 24cm Bream on my ultra light gear, a good fight from the little fellow who was quickly tagged and released. The rest of the day it was flathead. My first Flattie was a 52 cm fish; it took a ecogear SX60F that I cast into a channel running down the side of a weed bed. This was a screamer of a fish; it took line and even tail walked out of the landing net. The rest of the flattie were a bit smaller two at 49 cm and another at 45 cm.



JC and Neil Caught quite a lot of Flathead on hardbody lures but this didn't compare to the 81cm monster that JC caught the week before.



Garry Bryant was fishing with his old school friend Dale. Total count 8 flathead, 2 bream, 1 sole and 1whiting. A lot of hard work flicking plastics and hard bodies all day.

Trip captain Dave Dennis and his young daughter showed up around 9.30am and were already getting into it with one flattie caught before morning tea.

Kevin left from his home ramp at Redland Bay with his deckie Brad. They fished Macleay Island early and landed a few legal Snapper and then headed for the Pin. It was a bit quiet around Jumpinpin. Just as they bitterly admitted defeat and were about to head home

*against a good 15 knot northerly one trolling run on the way out of the area they were fishing they picked up 3 legal flathead, so they went back over the same area, another 3 fish, and back over again on the way out again and another 3 fish.*

*So Kevin and Brad finished the day with 9 Flathead in just under an hour. On the same stretch of water they had worked for at least an hour and a half before hand. Go figure!*

*Kevin's tally for the day, 2 Snapper and 5 Flathead tagged for the day, and kept 1 Snapper and 3 Flathead.*

*Brad had 3 keeper Flathead and a similar number of fish for the day.*

*All up it was a very productive and enjoyable day on the water.*



Last Month we discussed the various types of Lines on the market today and what makes them different.

This month we can touch on Leaders and Leader material.

Leaders are used to attach the Lure or Jighead to a main line and to provide some stretch and shock absorption. They also protect the main line from being bitten off by toothy species or are also used in Sportfishing rigs to provide a low breaking strain connection in the rig. In these set-ups generally a heavier Leader at the end, followed by a weak link and then the main line, this allows for a low BS section in the rig to satisfy records and a heavier wearing section near the fish.

There are 3 main types of leaders used. Mono, Fluorocarbon and Wire. Again all have their specific place and uses.

Wire- There is Knottable Wire leader material and Crimpable Steel Leader.

Knottable Wire Leader like the Graphite Metal Tresse can be used much the same as a Mono leader in that your standard knots can be tied to attach hooks and join it the main line. Graphite Metal Tresse has a woven outer layer over a Dyneema (Braid) Core, which is where the flexibility comes from.

Other Wire Leader material can be Single Strand Wire or Multi Strand Woven Wires, which normally require

crimping, but some can be tied or twisted to attach Hooks swivels etc.

Twisted Leaders- Can be Mono or Fluorocarbon and their main features are-

a/ They generally have a clip to attach lures, so changing lures is easy.

b/ They have additional stretch by virtue of the twists.

c/ They don't wear as much when running over snags as the strands tend to roll on each other and they are double strand for the most part.

Mono leaders- This is usually just Mono line used as a leader, Mono has some stretch and tends to float, So Mono leaders can be used when Surface fishing i.e. poppers, as you aren't trying to get lures deep. Mono is economical to use by comparison to other leader types.

Fluorocarbon leaders- Fluoro as it's generally called has a higher Specific gravity than water so it sinks it is also virtually invisible in water because of its reflective index. Fluorocarbon also doesn't absorb water like Mono, This is said to weaken mono lines. These are the main attributes of Fluorocarbon and why it is often used when fishing Soft Plastics and Diving lures. There are various types of Fluoro leaders, high quality Fluoro is 100% Fluorocarbon, some cheaper brands are only fluoro coated. So it pays to check the label for "100% Fluorocarbon" if you're looking for top quality and performance.

There are also Hard Coated Fluorocarbon leaders which are more suitable around Rocks and Pylon and Abrasive surfaces and structure. Others Fluorocarbons are super soft and used as main lines.

Again as a general rule, Use the best you can afford, but bear in mind you may not need to be using and expensive Leader material. There are many variations in Spool sizes between brands so also compare the price to length per spool.

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](mailto:question@lureworld.com.au)

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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

## 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  
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meeting.

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- Gently Does it when releasing fish - booklet and DVD
- Gillies Introduction to Fly Fishing
- Squidgy Secrets - Part 1 Basics
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- Queensland's Freshwater Fishing Impoundment Guide (NAFA / Tourism Queensland)
- Queensland's Offshore Fishing Guide (NAFA / Tourism Queensland)
- Evinrude Etec DVD
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- Fishing DVD volumes 1, 2 & 7
- Flathead Study (cd-rom)
- Ray Bricknell's Kimberly Barra Adventure DVD

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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.

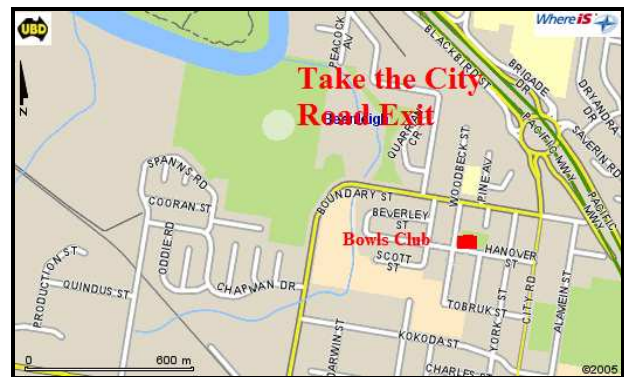
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**Student (over 16) - \$20.00 p.a.**

**Child (under 16) no parent in club-  
\$20.00**

**Child (under 16) parent in club-  
\$10.00**



**NOTE: - The Bows Club has a Bar.**  
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## 2009 SBSFC TRIPS CALENDAR HOME TRIPS

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

### AWAY TRIPS

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