



## **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Next Meeting Monday 1st September

7pm Beenligh Bowls Club

11 Hanover St, Beenligh

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### **Last Meeting**

Our AGM with the election of office bearers for the next year. The new executive is as follows

President – John Eldred, Vice President - Jeff Maddalena, Treasurer – Chris Lund, Secretary – Neil Mcneil, Assistant Secretary (membership) Ross Matheson, Newsletter Editor – Trev Saunders, Publicity Officer – Ray Bricknall, Tagging Officer – Kev Ford, Recorder – Lloyd Willman, Raffles – Eddy Latz, ANSA Qld delegates Lloyd Willman & Tom Wallbank

Thanks to all for accepting the nominations and attaining the offices.

### **This Meeting**

Kevin Ford, our globetrotting angler is going to tell us all about his trip to Hawaii and Alaska. From what I've heard so far, it's going to be better than Extreme Fishing.

### **Coming Trips**

**Week long trips – Glenlyon Dam 31st/10th – 7th/11<sup>th</sup>**

**Somerset Dam October 10/11/12<sup>th</sup>** – An impoundment fishing/redclaw trip with the master red claw catcher JC, the trip captain. Camping at Kirkleigh. Don't forget you need a SIP permit and a SEQ Water boating permit, the latter available at the campground office.

**Bass & Mary River Cod Tagging November 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>** – Our annual trip in conjunction with LAFMA, camping on Mark Ward's property beside the Albert River at Kerry.

**Club Christmas Party December 6<sup>th</sup>**

## Trip Reports

### Rainbow Beach/Tin Can Bay Trip by John Eldred

Our club trip to Rainbow Beach was as usual full of fun but not so full of fish. The house was great and the weather for the first few days was good. Sunday we were all out trolling and casting all over the place for no fish but we did have a good look around. There were lots of small bust-ups of Tailor around the Big Mick Beacon and several schools of bait showing on the sounder but no matter what I threw at them, they wouldn't play. Ross and Ian had engine issues from the get go which persisted for the whole week but soldiered on anyway. On the **Monday** I chased a feed of winter whiting and kept a dozen around 23-24cm but little else. **Tuesday**, the wind got up so Bob, Neil and yours truly took my Hilux for a spin up the beach to Double Island Point for a surf fish. We pumped some yabbies and caught a couple of whiting but none of any real size. It was still a bit early for them up there.

**Wednesday**, Bob and Neil found a school of Moses Perch up one of the creeks and proceeded to catch and release dozens of them. Bob also caught a brightly coloured Wrasse which he photographed for later identification. The weather started to get a bit wet for the rest of the week that but the wind did drop but not by much. A few legal Flathead started to turn up towards the end of the week. Bob got one legal tailor and a 62cm Flathead to be the best performed member on the trip. All in all a good social trip as usual but no real catches of fish. (sound familiar) The best social event of the trip was our Western Australian member having a birthday. The cake, \$10.00, the candles, \$1.50, the look on his face, absolutely priceless. Ross isn't able to apply for his seniors card quite yet, but he's getting closer. Sorry Ross. The trip home was not a lot of fun with heavy showers and rain all the way but on the up side, none of the boats or my Hilux needed much of a wash down when we got home.

John Eldred



## Albert River Tagging Trip Saturday 30th

Again, our annual Bass tagging trip to start off the Bass season on the tidal fresh section of the Albert River. Six members attended, with the Alan Wilkie Bridge the launch place. In previous years, we fished the upstream section, but reports had shown fish downstream as well. Kev, Neil and myself went downriver. Eddy and Chris went up, followed by

Lloyd, who thought Eddy might get lonely. Rumours had it, Ray was going come up in his

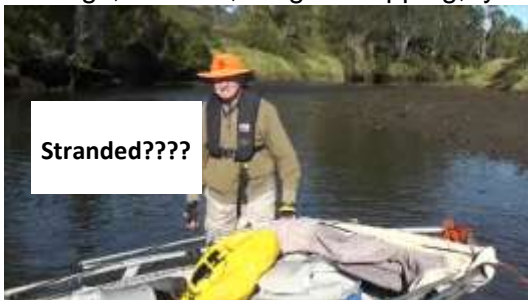


Fluff Chucker



boat from the Paterson Rd ramp, if the low tide permitted. The first fish fell to Kev, a perfectly presented fly, cast to a trash line under a bottlebrush. His first Bass on fly, 27cm, very hard to land, using a 9 foot rod out of a kayak the same length. The tide was still falling with the low at 8am. We dragged over a couple of gravel bars, to where a small island split the river. The smaller side channel had some structure against the bank with the water rushing through it. Neil and Kev fished it from the bank. Neil donating a Jackall Chubby to a good fish, before nailing another about 27cm.

A boat then appeared downriver, cautiously making it way up, with that familiar orange hat on the head of the skipper. Ray had bumped and ground his way up to us, trolling up a 35cm Bass on the way. The gravel bars stopped any further progress up, and the falling tide precluded him returning until it turned. Leaving him to contemplate his movements, we kept working our way down. The river banks slowly changed, more mud on the banks, plus thongs, buckets, burger wrapping, tyres, all the leavings of the throwaway modern age.



Stranded?????

disgusting really. We fished all the way down to Willman's Island with the only fish seen was a Tilapia still in it's death throes after a Bull Shark had neatly severed it behind the dorsal.



The tide just turned as we got past the island, so Ray could make his way back. Neil caught another fish on the way back, and that was all the action over. We all arrived back at the causeway pretty well together. The upstream crew had only managed about the same number. All up, a lot less than last year. We had a cook up at the car park, compared notes and it was all over till next year.

## Aussie Lure Expo

A few of us went up to the lure expo, a few weeks ago, held this year at the Ipswich show grounds. Interesting and informing as usual, showcasing some of the great creations lure makers are turning out and the displays documenting the time frame of lure making in this country. The value of some of the older timber lures is increasing all the time. Rumour has it \$7000 was offered for three timber Boomerangs that were made for Vic McCristal. Some good buys on offer. Lures you don't see in tackle shops, and treble hooks and split rings in bulk, way below you would pay over the counter. I came away a couple of hundred dollars short in the wallet. Our mates from FFSAQ and ANSA Qld had displays as well.



Trev McFeeters, Tenterfield Dart maker



## Information for 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**

**Marine Safe Australia – Marine Safety Gear**

**21 Rowland St, Slacks Creek 3808-1988**

**Danny Hughes Fishing Restoration – Rod/Reel Repairs Ph 0438 012619**

**Yatala Outboard Wrecking – Specialising in used parts for all makes & models. Repairs & Servicing – Gary & Trent 3807 2488 – 7 Old Pacific Hwy**

**Gem Bait & Tackle – 281 Jacob's Well Rd, Alberton Ph 3287 3868**

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