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Next Committee Meeting is on
the first Thursday in February,
3rd of Feb 2005.

January 2005, the General club
meeting is on Thursday the 13th.

February 2005 the General
club meeting is on Thursday 10th.

FROM THE EDITOR

PRESIDENTS REPORT

IMPORTANCE OF FISH HANDLING

WHAT'S BITING

PUTTING ARCTIC ICE (and FISH) INTO ICY-POLES

The world's biggest ice-cream producer, Unilever plans to genetically modify ice blocks in an attempt to stop ice blocks melting. Unilever has asked food Standards Australia to amend the food code to allow it to use an ice-structuring protein that mirrors a protein found in fish from the Arctic sea which protects them from damage by controlling ice crystal growth. Food Standards chief executive Graham Peachey told an industry conference the application by Unilever was an example of how genetic modification should provide a tangible benefit to consumers.

“To date the advantages of GM foods have been to agribusiness. GM food has not always proved cheaper or tastier for the consumer and this is coupled with uncertainty about the unknown,” he said.

The latest government survey on consumer attitudes to genetically modified food showed 50% did not want to eat it.

A Unilever spokesman said the protein would bring “a new and different eating experience” to ice-cream and would allow the icy treats to hold their shape and texture even in warm climates. The regulatory approval process is expected to take a year. Food Standards needs to assess whether there are any implications in the ice-cream for people who are allergic to fish.

ABT Finals Part Two

From ABT Web Site

HICKSON'S HARDBODIES

Taree's Kris Hickson impressed the crowd with his first day 3.92kg limit and he caught all of his bream on hard-bodied lures. In fact, a gold coloured Piranha X-Lure was his confidence bait for the entire tournament.

Kris fished his X-Lures off several Design Rods built on Samurai blanks 001 to 006, loaded with Team Daiwa SCU2000 reels, 4lb Platypus SuperBraid and 6 to 14lb Yamatoyo Harris Fighter Fluorocarbon leader - depending on the situation.

The real difference in his technique, though, was in his choice of location. He fished flats riddled with oyster banks and beds in less than a metre of water.

"The first day of the tournament was perfect for this style of fishing - overcast and rough, so that the bream aren't as spooky," Kris explained.

"I'd make a long cast and use an aggravated retrieve with lots of shakes and pauses. The action would attract the bream and often they'd hit it as it floated back to the surface. Lots of times, the bream would suck it off the surface, and that's awesome fishing.

"I landed around 10 legal bream on that first day, but all of the big fish came early. The second day was a lot tougher with calm water. The fish bit more timidly and I dropped a lot of fish during the fight," Kris said.

When asked what got him on to the pattern in the shallows, the response came quickly.

"During the pre-fish ban, I fished the nearby Manning - my home river - and the bream were all over similar areas, so I just transferred the theory," Kris said.

On day three, like many others in the top five, Kris' fish dried up.

"I landed three fish early fishing hard bodies around poles, but after 8.30 in the morning, I didn't land a legal bream. It's a bit disappointing, as I dropped two, kilo-plus fish that would have

made it pretty close, but that's fishing. I can handle losing to Tim - he deserved this win," Kris concluded.

AMATEUR DIVISION AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion Amateur, Ben Roberts from Batemans Bay took home a Quintrex Explorer 385 Trophy with a Sea-Link trailer and Motor Guide bow-mount electric motor for his 10/10, 7.46kg bag while second placed Daniel Brown (10/10, 6.31kg) is the proud owner of a new Evinrude E-TEC 40HP outboard.

With the 'shared weight' concept, both the Pro and the Amateur drawn together recorded the weight of their best five bream collectively. This encouraged Pros and Amateurs to work together as a team and proved a great success at the event.

Queensland's top four boaters after the second day (25.66kg) narrowly beat NSW (24.68kg) for the State honours. WA landed 16.59kg while ACT landed 5.25kg and VIC

Date	Comp/Event	Contact Details	Our club
February 2005			
3 rd – 6 th	Sunshine Coast Game Fish Classic SCGFC	Kylie Hancox 0409 626 222	
** 10 th **	CLUB MEETING Mackerel		
++12 th & 13 th	CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ	12th 12:03 pm HW 13th 12:40 pm HW	Donny
12 th – 13 th	Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly Competition	Alan Keates 07 41685155 or 41685548	
12 th – 13 th	Moreton Bay Shark Tournament MBGFC		
19 th – 20 th	Stessl Family Bass Challenge Rd 1 Somerset Dam	Gordon Turner 0418 877 525	
March 2005			
4 th , 5 th & 6 th	Brishane Sportfishing Club Inter Club Competition	Jeremy 3371 9107 ah	
** 10 th **	CLUB MEETING Crabs and other Crustaceans		
++12 th & 13 th	CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ	12th 10:55 am HW 13th 11:30 am HW	Donny
12 th & 13 th	SEQ Summer Series Daiwa Bass Mania Rd2 Bejlke-Peterson Dam	Steve 07 3886 2398	
18 th – 20 th	Couran Cove All Tackle All Species = SPGSFC	Surf. Paradise GSFC	
April 2005			
++9 th & 10 th ++	CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ	12th 9:45 am HW 13th 10:21 am HW	Donny
8 th – 10 th	Longtail Tuna Chase	Graeme Dennis 0429 637 088	
8 th – 10 th	Boral Blue Marlin Classic GCGFC		
12 th & 13 th	SEQ Summer Series Daiwa Bass Mania Rd3 Somerset Dam	Steve 07 3886 2398	
** 14 th **	CLUB MEETING Fresh water Impoundments		
23 rd – 24 th	Stessl Family Bass Challenge Rnd 2 Somerset Dam	Gordon Turner 0418 877 525	
23 rd – 25 th	Mooloolaba Fillfish Bonanza	MGFC = Melissa Brookes 5437 0116	
29 th – 2nd May	Bribie Island Blue Water Classic BIGFC		
May 2005			
++9 th & 10 th ++	CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ	12th 9:45 am HW 13th 10:21 am HW	
14 th & 15 th	SEQ Winter Series Daiwa Bass Mania Rd1 Somerset Dam	Steve 07 3886 2398	
14 th & 15 th	Sunshine Coast Heavy Tackle	SCGFC = Kylie Hancox 0409 626 222	
June 2005			
July 2005			
9 th – 10 th	Stessl Family Bass Challenge Rnd 3 Somerset Dam	Gordon Turner 0418 877 525	
22 nd – 24 th	Gold Coast Winter Games	GCGFC = Danny Symonds 0418 222 220	