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## March 2005 Newsletter

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**Next General Club** is on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, the second Thursday of the Month (7:30pm).

**Next Committee Meeting** is on April the 7<sup>th</sup>, the first Thursday of the Month.

**AGM** will be Held on June the 9<sup>th</sup>, second Thursday of the Month. All Membership fees need to be paid before AGM starts.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Please read the following information arising from the March Committee Meeting.

**The clubs (AGM)** Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, starting at 7:30??.

At the AGM current office bearers and general members will stand a side.

All finical club members will be asked to vote for pre-nominated office bearers and general committee members.

All nominated office bearers and general committee, are to financial club members, and all nominations should be handed in before the AGM commences.

Nomination and membership renewal forms will be included in next month's newsletter.

All Fees will remain the same as 2004-05 seasons.

Flathead Classic time is upon us, and a core group of helpers is required to ensure another successful classic.

I'm not certain about others, but I knew of the flathead classic, when I was in the bush and couldn't pick a Flathead over a Toady. Already this year I have had a team of first timers from Victoria contact me asking about dates for the classic, and Tony's got a bloke who's on something like an 8 week fishing Safari, and is dropping in here to do the Classic before heading to Cairns.

So if you want to be involved with a great tradition, don't just turn-up and fish it, help organise it. Without your help, and the help of others before you, there would be no Flathead Classic tradition.

Keep your ears open for more details at the next General Meeting.

Flathead Classic Dates are 28<sup>th</sup> September sign on, and fish 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Sep and 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Hats off to Daniel for putting together last month's newsletter. He done such a great, that I decided to do a bit of sabotage and flick his crossword, sorry bud. It is in this month's newsletter, so have a go at it. Daniel actually tracked down a program to create crosswords, than come up with the questions and answers, thanks for going that extra mile for us.



"Wahoo!" exclaimed Daniel. Very nice fish, could be in for fish of the month for February

## NEW CLUB MERIT BADGE

The club has adopted a merit badge system based on species captured.

Initially badges will be awarded for captures of 10 & 20 species captured then in increments of five. That is 25, 30 etc.

Creditable species only will be accepted and if the species attract size limits then only the legal minimum size or greater shall be accepted. We don't expect you to sit on a coral boomie somewhere and catch aquarium species on a yakka jig.

Record your captures on film showing Tape measurement and then release if you wish. Lodge a capture sheet with both measurements and weight if practical.

Captures shall be accepted from any state or territory or PNG. Recording shall commence from Midnight 11.02.05

## NEW RULES for SPANISH MACKEREL CATCHES

New regulations for recreational fishers designed to stop the illegal sale of Spanish mackerel come into effect today (March 1).

Under the new regulation which has been introduced by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F), recreational fishers must now remove the pectoral fin of any Spanish mackerel in their possession.

DPI&F Fisheries Resources Manager Mark Elmer said the legislation applied to all recreational fishers including people conducting commercial fishing tours and crew members of those tours. "Recreational fishers must not possess, on board a boat, a dead Spanish mackerel unless a pectoral fin has been removed," Mr Elmer said. "This provision is intended to make it easier for recreational and commercial catches to be identified."

The legislation was brought in following the introduction of new management arrangements in the Queensland East Coast Spanish Mackerel fishery during the past two years. "In December 2003, new arrangements that were introduced included limiting the number of commercial fishing licenses able to access the Spanish mackerel fishery and a reduction in the recreational possession limit for Spanish mackerel from 10 fish to three". "Last year, a total allowable commercial catch came into effect in the commercial fishery and individual transferable quotas were allocated to license holders based on past history in the fishery.

"These changes raised concerns about the potential for black-market trade in recreationally caught fish which could compromise the integrity of the commercial quota. "The new legislation, which takes effect from today, was passed in August 2004 requiring recreationally caught Spanish mackerel be fin-clipped to deter black-marketing of these fish. The legislation continues to allow recreational fishers to fillet Spanish mackerel at sea."

For more information on Spanish mackerel and other fishing regulations, visit [DPI&F Fishweb](http://DPI&F Fishweb) or phone the Call Centre on 13 25 23.

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## WHAT'S BITING



2005 continues to be a big year for the offshore anglers. Daniel took me out for a run last week and we picked up a

Spotty and a Spaniard, which was my first ever Mackerel (*apart from the odd slimy*). Sounds like the plague of small Blacks has slowed, with the bigger boats heading wider know, looking for the Big Blues.

Kim came out with the quote of the week, "I've been trying to avoid the Marlin, their like a bi-catch when your chasing a Mahi Mahi, Mackerel or Wahoo, they just take up to much time". Well it might be a bit out of text and not word for word, but that's media for you.

I haven't heard much from any of the freshwater fishers lately. I have been tossing around the idea of doing a Bass canoeing trip in the local area, maybe the Coomera above the Weir, or the upper reachers of the Nerang. If you would like to go exploring by canoe, up the fresh end of one of our closer rivers or you have done so before, please drop me a line.

Jamie, his wife Karen and daughter Candice went out earlier in Feb to chase the mackerel at Palmy. Jamie said that they 'started at the casino reef with 100 other boats, just drifting Pillies. Karen got the first hook up, a Spanish Mackerel better than a metre but was bitten off on the third run after getting it to the boat almost at the gaff'.

'Karen also got the next hook up as well. Almost as big as the first but a different fight. It turned out to be an 88cm cobia around 4.5kg. It went quiet so we went to Palm Beach reef.'

'The Spotties and Mack Tuna were boiling all over the place. I achieved my goal of spots on 4kg spin gear, when I hooked and landed a 76cm, 3.5kg spotty, "what a hoot". We also got a Mack tuna 58cm and just over 3kg on the same 4kg gear. I was casting a 20gram Spaniard from Raider. I also hooked a red rock cod on the last drift to top off the day'.



Karen with nice Cobia, caught in early Feb 2005



Jamie in action with his 4kg out fit Feb 2005; chasing a goal he has been keen on for sometime, spinning up hungry Spotty Mackerel.



Jamie in after another successful family fishing day.

Well done Jamie, Karen and Candice, sounds like you had a ball.

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## CLUB BBQ on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March

Last weeks lucky door prize at the club BBQ after the fishing competition did not go off. Holly had her name drawn out for the prize, but unfortunately Holly was not there to collect the prize (Bream rod). The upcoming club comp is now starting Midnight Friday (11<sup>th</sup> of March) and ending 11am Sunday with a club Barbie at 12pm. The comp will be freshwater and or salt, whatever you prefer. The score sheets contain 5 fish, no more than 3 of the same species, and upgrades are allowed. All members' family & friends are encouraged to attend the Barbie even if they have not partaken in the comp.

The lucky door prize which is now valued at \$170 and any financial members in attendance can possibly win.

Jamie sent this report in on his fish on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 'I took a gamble and went to Mermaid and Palm Beach reefs, in about a 1m of swell but clean and little wind to speak of'.

I had a pillie soaking un-weighted out the back while I tossed a 20gram raider around at the thousand or so speedsters smashing the surface from the headland at Tallebudgera creek to Currumbin creek. The lure colour was blue in the 20 and 25 gram raider. I only had the 20gram model and another feller was using 25 gram with success too. I accounted for 3 Mack Tuna from 3-4 Kg and a spotty also around the 4kg mark.

Had a hook up for 30 seconds then nothing, spat hooks. Than I had another 30 second hook up which lead to a bit off, through my 20lb mono leader.

This spelt the end of the trip as I had nothing left on board to tempt the fishes, and decided to head for home. Kept a Mack Tuna and a Spotty Mackerel.

Jamie 1 March 2005



Jamie with a Mack Tuna and Spotty, caught on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2005.

## SWAIN REEF TRIP INVITATION

The Southport amateur Fishing clubs major away trip this year is Gladstone to Swan Reef Event. The event takes place from Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**The Capricorn Star Cruises "Grey Scout"** has been booked for a reef adventure to remember. Grey Scout is a 34 metre x 8.5 metre small ship that carries 5 tinnies for great shallow water reef fishing and trolling. She is air-conditioned with blast freezer for the crew filleted catch.

7 days with all food, linen and towels provided in air conditioned two berth cabins. Cost will be approx. \$1450 plus transport to Gladstone. Bring your own drinks and favourite bait if you wish.

Members of Gold Coast Sport Fishing club are invited to participate. Numbers are limited so contact John Ford on 0419295010 or 55296356 if you are interested.



Date	Comp/Event	Contact Details	Our club
<b>March 2005</b>			
4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	Brishane Sportfishing Club Inter Club Competition	Jeremy 3371 9107 ah	
** 10 <sup>th</sup> **	<b>CLUB MEETING Mackerel &amp; Mack Tuna</b>		
++12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> 10:55 am HW 13 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am HW	Donny
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	SEQ Summer Series Daiwa Bass Mania Rd2 Bejlke-Peterson Dam	Steve 07 3886 2398	
18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Couran Cove All Tackle All Species = SPGSFC	Surf. Paradise GSFC	
<b>April 2005</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SEQ & North Burnett Daiwa Bass Mania Daiwa Bass Mania, Summer Series Rd3 Bejlke-Peterson Dam	Steve 07 3886 2398	
++9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> ++	<b>CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> 9:45 am HW 13 <sup>th</sup> 10:21 am HW	Donny
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Longtail Tuna Chase	Graeme Dennis 0429 637 088	
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Boral Blue Marlin Classic GCGFC		
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	SEQ Summer Series Daiwa Bass Mania Rd3 Somerset Dam	Steve 07 3886 2398	
** 14 <sup>th</sup> **	<b>CLUB MEETING Fresh water Impoundments</b>		
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Stessl Family Bass Challenge Rnd 2 Somerset Dam	Gordon Turner 0418 877 525	
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mooloolaba Fillfish Bonanza	MGFC = Melissa Brookes 5437 0116	
29 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bribie Island Blue Water Classic BIGFC		
<b>May 2005</b>			
++7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> ++	<b>CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> 8:35 am HW 8 <sup>th</sup> 9:14 am HW	
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	SEQ Winter Series Daiwa Bass Mania Rd1 Somerset Dam	Steve 07 3886 2398	
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sunshine Coast Heavy Tackle	SCGFC = Kylie Hancox 0409 626 222	
<b>June 2005</b>			
++4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> ++	<b>CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> 7:20 am HW 5 <sup>th</sup> 8:05 am HW	
11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLUB Illuka Trip Queens Birth Long weekend</b>		
<b>July 2005</b>			
++2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> ++	<b>CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 7:00 am HW 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6:55 am HW	
9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Stessl Family Bass Challenge Rnd 3 Somerset Dam	Gordon Turner 0418 877 525	
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	SEQ Winter Series Daiwa Bass Mania Rd2 Wivenhoe Dam	Steve 07 3886 2398	
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Gold Coast Winter Games	GCGFC = Danny Symonds 0418 222 220	

## Request for Offer

13ft 6 Haines Hunter Sea Wasp boat, with Yamaha 25hp motor, on trailer plus complete safety gear.

Submissions of offers are required to be in writing and need to contain, full name, address, contact number, date, offer amount and signature (not required for email Transmissions). Submissions are to be addressed to The Club Secretary, and will be accepted via;

In person to the club secretary, or  
Posted to PO Box 587 Southport BC Qld 4215, or  
Faxed to 07 5529 3419  
Email [secretary@safc.net.au](mailto:secretary@safc.net.au)

Offers will not be accepted after the close of mail 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005.

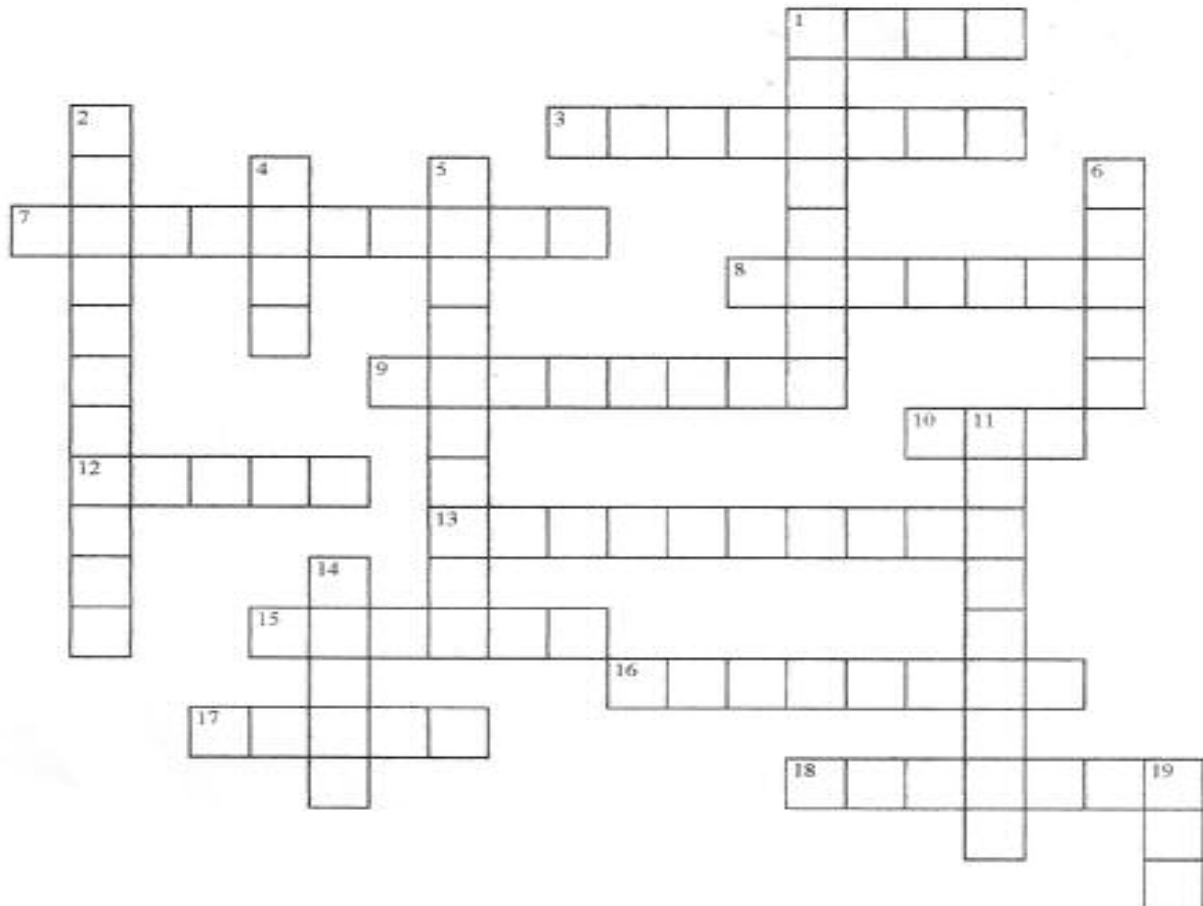


For further information please contact the club President on 0417 607 790.

The South port Amateur Fishing Club Inc (SAFC) reserves its rights to decline any offer made. On acceptance of an offer, the SAFC will notify the successful tenderer in writing.

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# Fishin' For Answers!



## ACROSS

- 1 Screw this in if you don't want to sink!
- 3 Shipwreck, south of the Seaway - Scottish .....
- 7 What are fins on a fish used for?
- 8 The gas bladder of a fish serves as a.....
- 9 Side fins on a fish.
- 10 A navigation aid.
- 12 Famous assie side cast reel.
- 13 Area of range between high and low tide.
- 15 A red & black marker in the water indicates what?
- 16 A weather map is also known as a .....chart
- 17 What could happen if you don't have a life jacket!
- 18 The line of sensory receptors on a fish.

## DOWN

- 1 A type of natural fibre used in fly tying & jig tails.
- 2 Animals with a backbone.
- 4 Speedy pelagic
- 5 A name for an immature fish.
- 6 Compulsory safety requirement for all rec. boats, in all waters.
- 11 You should wear ..... sunglasses to see fish in the water.
- 14 The fastest fish in the ocean (90km, short bursts)
- 19 What all fishermen do once in a while!



**Membership Fees are due soon**

\$25 singles  
\$40 families



Please pay soon, your continued support and comradeship is vital for to the club.