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Next General Club is on Thursday the 14th of April, the second Thursday of the Month (7:30pm).

Next Committee Meeting is on May the 5th, the first Thursday of the Month.

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

The clubs (AGM) Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday the 9th 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 have been included in this month's newsletter.

Flathead Classic Committee

Flathead Classic time is upon us, and a core group of helpers is required to ensure another successful classic. Without your help there may not be a Flathead Classic.

Intention at present is to have the flathead meetings on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month kicking off on the **20th April**.

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

THIS WEEKS GENERAL MEETING

Two topics this month:

1. Extent Fly Rod Fishing Techniques (14ft Rods etc.)
2. Doug Bert will be giving a presentation on Jigging Techniques

BBQ & MASTER CLASS

This Sunday the 17th April, lucky door prize has jackpotted again, so bring a salad and anything special you want to cook, don't forget the better half and the kid's, starts at 1pm.

Master class this week will be on sharpening filleting knives, so bring a few blunt knives along.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Cont.

Today is Sunday, the first Sunday in April, the days are noticeably shorter & daytime temperatures are getting a little cooler. There is tons of bait offshore followed by all sorts of bigger munchies like Tailor & Tuna. This is a good time to catch a Spanish mackerel, or maybe a Wahoo, if you don't have any yet this season.

By the time you read this I shall be away chasing Barra in the NT, a long awaited trip, taking a lot of preparation. So I am guilty of not doing a lot in the fishing department for the last month. Travelling with us is Tony & Gail from Galeforce Boats I am sure we will all catch a few fish.

Kim Jones & John Sirotti are about to leave for a charter on the Daly River with Russel Kenny, they should be back here before we arrive there. David Green should be fishing the Barra Classic & we will look forward to having an Ale or three with him. I also heard Brad Job could be there for a while, although I don't know how he'll be able to transport his kegs of home brew, unless he's sent them ahead. Ian Dobson & Lynda are a definite probability as well.

Good Friday saw 37 boats fish the Bream Tournament; thanks go to Steve Wilson & Julian for organising this growing event. Although only one days fishing, I feel more needs to be done like a marquee & a liquor licence if possible. Julian will give you a briefing at the next meeting.

The Don will be at the helm while I am away, give him plenty of support & catch heaps. Sue Imhoff would have been the winner of a fine spin rod & reel had she been at the last club Barby. Don't forget this prize jackpot each month if not won by someone present. Just don't pull out my name while I'm away.

See ya in a couple of months

.....TonyD *gonefishing*

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 21st May to Saturday 28th May.

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.

Reminder of NEW RULES for SPANISH MACKEREL CATCHES

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

“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.”

THE CHALLENGE BEGINS

The clubs merit badge system based on species captured started midnight 11th of Feb 2005, and there have been some bolters.

Jamie sent me the following breakdown of a trip on the 27th of March.

“Fished the river again on Sunday with Karen for her species badge, well she now has a Bream to the tally, what next. I also got one nice bream too at 29cm and this is fresh water were fishing.”

cheers Jamie.



WHAT'S BITING

Well the Month started off fine for me; Daniel took me for a run outside and put me onto my first Spaniard (5.4kg) while trolling lures. It was a bit of a strange day, Dan got the first fish in minutes of sending out the lures (*nice spotty below over 5kg mark*) and we were almost home when I got my fish below. I was stoked, beautiful day on the water, and Mackerel for lunch, what else could you want.



Both Jamie and Dan have been sending in reports of captures and events throughout the month. Keep them coming guys; it makes my job a lot easier. Anyone else, who has been out and about, lets share your experiences, by sending me a few lines. Doesn't matter is it's a great trip or poor trip, its all good reading.

"Gaday Shane I've been a bit slack over the last few weeks and the fishing's has been a bit slow this month for me anyway, the week end weather has not been kind, but I've still got out there to have a go."

"I took my labourer out for a fish on the 5th of March and didn't get a fish, Tony my labourer was sick as a dog for most of the trip, the swell was up a bit, and he was the super soaker on the floor of the boat from mermaid reef back to the seaway."

"Karen and I went to the pin on the 12th and tried lures and bait for no fish. Went out on the 19th, offshore to cast a 20 gram slug around, landed eight Mack tuna. Two were subdued on 4 lb line, and the best for the day went 61cm, 2.7kg. The best for the 4Lb line was 60cm and 2.2kg. I also dropped two 40+cm tailor at the boat while trying to net them."



"Went out on the 20th to the Logan river for a whiting or two, well I got my 2 whiting, and Karen hooked a 10.9Kg stingray on whiting gear 6Lb line 10lb leader and a Yabby for bait, after a 25 minute tussle we boated the ray much to my wife's delight, she followed the ray with 3 catfish. Vermin was the order of the day; I also caught a 100mm Flathead which went back to be caught at next years Flathead Classic."



"Last but not least, went out on the 25th fished from the seaway to mermaid reef. Got three Mack tuna between 50 and 55cm, moved north to Couran Cove and got two more there, going 45cm and a 50cm. Also had a Longtail tuna smoke me, my spool of 4kg was more than half gone when the lure parted from the line."

"There must have been ten boats running around here, from game boats to bass tinnies. There was also one particular Dumb to Stupid Angler / Very Painful, whose idea of lure casting was to drive right through the school and stop to drop a lure straight down and wind back up. He did this four times before he was told where to go by a few other guys trying to fish the schools too. Well that's it for now but there's still three days holiday to fish yet, so I might be adding to the dates on here." Cheers for now Jamie.

WHAT'S BITING Cont.

“Got another one for you, on the 28th March I took the Daughters boyfriend outside for a day of chasing Tuna and Mackerel. The tuna were there but the Macks were very thin. Fished the Couran Cove area, my tally was Three Mack tuna on cast metal. Dave scored two Mack tuna and dropped a nice Spottie right at the boat. That was it for the day not even a tailor floating around today I think too much boat traffic, talk to go next month Jamie”



“Caught this gut this morning on Mermaid reef, all was pretty quiet though, see picture below Dan.”



RODS AWAY

It's never good to laugh at someone's misfortune (bad karma), but we should at least learn from the experiences of others.

Now I've heard it said that random events will usually occur within a close time period. The old bad luck always comes in threes. Well heed

the warning here are two events from last week, has the third one happened, or is it about to?

Went out this morning chasing some Spotties, released a few and seen some sharks. They were in that big momma class around six feet I guess. My friend...which I am probably not calling him now gave me some free rod holders great I thought, till this morning when I turned around and one had fallen over while spinning for Spotties, and pronto no more rod. It's now swimming with the fishes, the term the mafia use I believe, well mine literally is YES it was my Penn ooouch. At first I thought I had put it up the front of the boat. So now I am deeply scarred as it fell out somewhere drifting, salvage was an impossibility, where to start. If the sharks weren't there I would have jumped in and had a look around?

Second story different angler, name again with held to protect the innocent. “Well couldn't stay at home, the family went out, so I went to the river with a couple rods, mainly to catch a shark but had a bream rod too. Got nothing on the overhead and found the bream hungry, caught a 23cm and a 24cm first up. Then shock horror, cast in put the rod down to rebait the other rod and when I turned around my rod was gone, crap! \$300 in the drink, some young fellers which were swimming, asked what was up because I was trying to grapple the rod back with the other rod, without much luck. So I settled in for a wait, until the tide went out.

I knew the rod couldn't be too far away, as the bottom is all rocks and it would have snagged quickly. Anyway the eldest boy went in and had a feel around with his feet and next thing he has the rod and the fish is still on, as it turned out the fish that pulled the rod in the drink was the best fish for the session at 28cm. I think I'll be buying a raffle ticket.

Yesterdays offshore trip almost had a tragedy too grabbed 1 rod from holder with hooked another rod in holder beside it and nearly set it to the bottom. Third time I might not be so lucky.



HEAVY FINES FOR CAST NETTING

4 March 2005 DPI website

Recreational and commercial fishers are being advised they face steep fines if caught using cast nets to take prawns in the Town Reach closed waters of Bundaberg's Burnett River.

DPI and Fisheries district officer Geoff Fergusson said they had received complaints from a number of people about illegal cast netting activities in the area. Mr Fergusson said people risked a \$375 Infringement Notice if caught cast netting in the closed waters and their equipment could also be seized.

"Anyone breached for a repeat offence risks much higher fines if the matter proceeds to court. I am particularly concerned that juveniles seemed to be the most blatant offenders,"

The netting closure is situated between the Fish Boundary Signs located on each bank of the river near the old Bundaberg Rowers Clubhouse and again upstream near the western end of Queens Park and finally, across the river to just above Harriet Island.

There are four boundary signs in total, showing the extent of the closed waters and are easily identifiable, being marked with large black letters 'FB', either on a white or yellow background.

There is also another sign situated at the Lions Park boat ramp warning of the closure with arrows pointing upstream and downstream. Mr Fergusson said fishers were advised that this area was only closed to netting in between the signs, so line fishing and crabbing was still permitted.



Tony Lemasurier with Tarpon on Prawn

EVERYONE LOVES A PRAWN

Tony and Jamie had to deliver a Gale force to Ayre a few Saturday ago, so an impromptu fishing trip was called for. They had been hoping for Barramundi, but the only reward was Tarpon and what maybe very small Mangrove jack.

The tarpon were all caught on DOA Shrimps, which was uneconomical though. They smashed the lures and separated the hook from the plastic, it was 1 for 1. (3)

I got hook-ups on shallow divers and prawn stars but didn't land any fish. Tony landed 3 tarpon 35-38 and a 40cm model all on the above mentioned plastic (DOA).



FISH FROM a FLYING FOX?

From The Scream of the Reel, by Jack Pollard

When Frank Atkins gave up mining to live on his pension he decided to spend the rest of his life hauling in fish at Cape Naturaliste, on the south-west corner of Australia. But even the calmest days the Indian Ocean swell rocked his boat enough to make him violently seasick – so Frank used his mining know-how and built himself a Flying Fox from which to fish. Steel cables were anchored at each side of the 350 yards wide skip-jack infested Groper Bay and every morning Frank loaded the Flying Fox with bait and lines and pulled himself on pulley wheels across the bay.

From high above the swell he dragged in herring, skipjack and occasional groper for hours. When Frank Atkins left the district his Flying fox was taken over by another keen angler Tom Hogg, whose catches included a 10ft Tiger shark, a 50lb kingfish and 14 dozen skipjack in a two – hour session.

Little Fishing Goals

After reading Jamie's last Email where he spoke about wanting to 'spin up Mackerel on 4Kg Line', and Donny's presentation on chasing certain specs towards a merit/award system, this got me thinking about a fishing goal I hadn't got back to.

To bring you up to speed, I'm from the bush. A little country town called Miles in South West Qld, that sits on the banks of the Dogwood creek, with its puddles of coffee coloured water. Half an hour up the road is the town of Condamine on the Condamine River, and another hour and a half away is Surat on the Balonne River. So my fishing roots are imbedded in freshwater, and so is one of my very early fishing goals, a Murray Cod on a Lure.



My brother Owen with a Winter Cod from the Condamine, this was the smallest of three Cod caught, the others were released
"Nice over-alls Hayseed"

Most of the blokes I knew that used to chase Cod, did so on set lines with live baits on very cold winter's nights. So by the time they got to the cod the next morning, the fight had finished. So this wasn't how I wanted to land my first Cod. I was told about Glenlyon Dam a more consistent spot for hooking a Cod, on lures.

So off I set, with my wife and in-laws chasing Cod on lures, at Glenlyon for a week. Mandy and my father-in-law decided the best thing to do was to take shifts when playing fishing partner with me, Keith would fish the morning, and Mandy the afternoon. See when I've got my fishing mind set on, I forget to do other things like eat, drink and come home.

The fishing had been tough, accounting only for about one fish per session, all Yellowbellies, no Cod yet. Anyhow one afternoon on about our third day, things were looking grim. Had lost another lure, and the wind that had been predicted to last for the rest of the week, was picking-up. I was running out of time. Anyhow, we were doing a bit of trolling, with one rod in hand watching the fish-finder, driving the boat and keeping an eye on Mandy's rod, set-up in a rod holder as she sat back with feet up reading a book.

The water depth began to change quickly, where a small gully had formed a sand bank. I gave Mandy a yell to pick-up her rod before we were snagged again. Her eyes lifted from her book with a 'what did you say', my response was a blunt, 'ahhh snagged again'. Knocking the motor into neutral I picked up Mandy's rod and began to wind us back towards the snag, when the snag started to move towards us. 'You've got a fish', handing the rod over (like all us gentlemen fishers would do) Mandy began to bring the prize towards us. So no prizes for guessing what it was, I think my words were something like 'it's a beautiful little Cod', both Mandy and I had grins like we had just one the lotto, they're a truly beautiful fish. Well he went fifty odd centimetres on the ruler, and the fish looked even more beautiful as he/she slowly swam down to the depths.

Well that is a close as I've come to landing a cod on lure, but I'm going to sit down and plan another trip, without Mandy of course, because she still likes to remind me that she has caught a Murray Cod.

So if you've got any old Cod Spinners or Lures you want get rid of give me a bell 55373392,

Shane Bevan



WEIRD SCIENCE

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.



Dan with very nice spotty taken in March

THUMBS DOWN FOR ANOTHER FITZROY NET

8 February 2005 dpi Web Site

Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Boating and Fisheries Patrol officers conducting a Thursday night survey in the Fitzroy River town reach found yet another illegally set 46-metre long net strung from the rail bridge.

Field officer Amanda Bunn said the unmarked net tied off onto the bridge support and onto a concrete block on the northern creek bank contained four large barramundi, one undersized barramundi and a king salmon.

Ms Bunn said a decision was made to remove the net from the water immediately as the very large and healthy barramundi were still alive despite being severely tangled.

“While we could not set up any surveillance, there was no sign of the offenders,” Ms Bunn said. “The net was found at 10.30pm and because the fish were still fresh, we suspect it had only been recently set.”

Ms Bunn said the two joined nets – a 22m-nylon double hung 200mm mesh net and a 24m monofilament net with a 165mm mesh – would have to have been walked out onto the railway bridge by the offenders.

People carrying large sacks around the Fitzroy River area at that time of night must certainly arouse public suspicion.

“Our Fishwatch Complaints Hotline 1800 017 116 operates 24 hours a day and we will respond immediately to community concerns,” Ms Bunn said.

Ms Bunn said it was disappointing that so many illegal fishing nets were still in public circulation in the hands of unlicensed recreational fishers. “We believe many are relics from a past generation discovered in backyard sheds where they often turn up at garage sales where they are offered for sale.

“It is also quite legal to buy netting to protect fruit trees from birds and flying fox attack but this netting becomes illegal once it is equipped for fishing purposes by unlicensed persons,” Ms Bunn warned.

Date	Comp/Event	Contact Details	Our club
April 2005			
2 nd & 3 rd	SEQ & North Burnett Daiwa Bass Mania Daiwa Bass Mania, Summer Series Rd3 Bejlke-Peterson Dam	Steve 07 3886 2398	
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		
++17 th ++	CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ plus Master Class		Donny
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 – 2 nd May	Bribie Island Blue Water Classic BIGFC		
May 2005			
** 12 th **	CLUB MEETING		
++15 th ++	CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ plus Master Class		
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			
** 9 th **	CLUB MEETING		
11 th , 12 th & 13 th	CLUB Illuka Trip Queens Birth Long weekend		
July 2005			
** 14 th **	CLUB MEETING		
++17 th ++	CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ		
9 th – 10 th	Stessl Family Bass Challenge Rnd 3 Somerset Dam	Gordon Turner 0418 877 525	
16 th & 17 th	SEQ Winter Series Daiwa Bass Mania Rd2 Wivenhoe Dam	Steve 07 3886 2398	
22 nd – 24 th	Gold Coast Winter Games	GCGFC = Danny Symonds 0418 222 220	

HELPERS WANTED

The Flathead Classic Committee requires more members to ensure that the clubs major fund raiser continues to be a success.

Wanted are Male and Female members to do small and large jobs, from photo copying, handing out fliers, speaking to sponsors, organising carters & security, and accepting nominations.

The Majority of the help is required before the event starts.

No experience! Perfect you've got the Job.

Been there done that stacks of event organising behind you! Perfect you've got the Job.

Please help!



GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB



Committee Nomination Form

Please find below a copy of a nomination form for the Management Committee of the Gold Coast Sporting Club.

Please complete and return the form below PO Box 1388 Southport Qld 4215, or return to club secretary, prior to the commencement of the AGM, at 7:30p.m. on the 9th of June 2005.

Payments of membership dues are required before the AGM.

Only financial members can run for a committee position and/or nominate and vote for elected positions. Management Committee of the Club consists of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and (7) Ordinary Committee Members.

GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB INC

I, _____ of address _____,
being a member of the above named Club, here by Nominate the following

_____ of address _____
a member of the above named Club, for the Management Committee Position of,
_____.

I, _____ of address _____,
being a member of the above named Club, here by Second the Nomination of the
above named Club Member for the Management Committee Position of
_____.

Signed by Nominee _____ dated _____ .

Signed by Proposer _____ dated _____ .

Signed by Seconder _____ dated _____ .