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Next General Club is on Thursday the 12th May, the second Thursday of the Month (7:30pm).

Kevin Ballantine is giving talk at this meeting on Jigging in close and out wide. Come along and learn some new skills.

Next Committee Meeting is on June 2nd, 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.

SUNDAY BBQ + MASTER CLASS

This Sunday the 15th May, lucky door prize has jackpotted once 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.

To win the price all you need to do is turn-up; at present it's a spinning rod, reel, anchor with chain and rope, plus some more to be added this week.

Master class this week will be on tying a double in your line, while rocking in a boat.

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. Please note the changes in the dates of the flathead classic event on Page 7.

Intention at present is to have the flathead meetings on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month, next couple of meetings are May 11th June 8th and July 13th.

FISH of the Month

Drum roll, Fish of the Month for March went to Candic Farragher. Candice wins a \$50 voucher from Doug Bert's Fishing Tackle World.

So if you're interested in winning a prize for fish of the month, than bring your picture of a locally caught fish for the appropriate month and a brief story along to the next meeting.



Candice has put her hat in the ring again this month, with a nice silver perch

WHAT'S BITING

As the weather cools, fishing is starting to heat up. Spoken Neil Scrimshaw from the club, Neil's based out of Evans Head. Neil was filling me in on the beach fishing, and reported that he had a couple of good sessions spinning for Tailor. As Neil said 'the best thing is that they've been on the bit during gentleman's hours, middle of the day'. It shouldn't be long until their showing up along Narrow neck etc. There's a good web site the CSIRO have, that will show you the progress of the cooler water currents, as they move up the Eastern Coast. The Blokes chasing the big Tailor and Jew for the Cabarita Classic apparently use this site to help plan their trips. It will help you understand where the closest cold water is to the Coast line.

Also spoke to Steve Wilson, who had a bream practice session on plastic, a day or two ago. The word is that all the fish he caught were males, full of milk (or fishy mans mess). Steve went onto say that only a couple of days ago the Bream chasers on the Clarence had had their first catch of big Females. Another couple of weeks and you will not be able to get a lure into the water because the Big Bream will be so thick.

Jamie Farragher has been putting in the hard yards of late on the water, and sent through the following Email. This is much appreciated by me, because it makes my life a lot easier when putting the newsletter together. Apart from that it's as close as I come to doing any fishing.

Not certain how everyone else is going with their ten species merit badge, but I think Jamie's already claimed his, which would have to make him the first in the club, well done Jamie.

Its very enjoyable reading about Jamie's fishing exploits, he always is setting himself little fishing goals, and it's great to see him achieve them.

'Shane went out in the bay this morning, solo. I was looking for my first Long tail tuna'.

'I met up with Steven from the club and his girlfriend Renee. Who was hooked up when I found them, it turned out to be 10 kilo's of sushi in the kill tank. We ended up chasing the fishes in Tandem, form our individual boats, all over the bay from Peel to Harries and back'.

Steve got a 8kg Long tail and I finally got my first Long tail tuna after 3 trips. It tipped the scales at 7kg's and 90cm. wrestled for 20 minutes on 4kg line. Also hooked and lost a Mackerel at the boat, and a bonito came on board too. Chased the Long tails all morning, too many other boats running around I think!

Tomorrow will try the pin for a tailor with the wife. Another 1 for the fish of the month!



Jamie with his first Long tail, nice work bud

WHAT'S BITING Cont.

2nd May "Shane, as I said took the wife out Sunday for fish and a picnic. Nice day forecasted so off to the pin we went. Decided to anchor up just near the out flow from Swan Bay, after the few drifts we had accounted for nothing. We had pillies and prawns for bait plus I had the soft plastics as well. It was real quite till the bottom of the tide, then Karen started getting bites. She ended up with the only fish for the day 3 Bream, 23cm, 27cm and the best for the day at 34cm. I put the slack effort in the fishing stakes down to the 500 or so boats running around the pin and surrounding areas. No Tailor sighted or heard caught while we were out or at the ramp.



Karen with her 34cm Bream taken at the Pin

Dan sent through the following Email on the 4th May of another successful outside fish.

'Shane went trolling the 24 fathom line and came across a bait ball. So I decided to try out my hot lure 4 inch multi coloured lure red, silver, blue and feathers. I had happened onto a Wahoo feeding frenzy, and on the initial troll hooked up this beauty of just over 12kg. I then had another 2 hits and loss and then another successful hook-up where the weight felt similar to the already captured fish. This was a battle with the fish almost to the boat the 7kg double leader parted bitten through. This fish is now wearing a very attractive piece of jewellery to the value of thirty dollars'.

'Due to low fuel unfortunately, I had to abort and return to seaway but imagine more captures if had of stayed out'.

'Shane as you realise, I like to release a great proportion of my fish, but due to often fishing alone this is not possible to obtain pictures for the newsletter. I have indicated this due to a great deal of my fish being deceased when viewed in the newsletter'.

'As I am a great believer in catch and release, and I would like to let others know I do practice and encourage releasing of fish in good condition'.



Dan with a very nice 12kg Wahoo

I would just like to back-up Dan's words, the first time I stepped into his boat, catch and release were the first words I heard.

Both Dan and Jamie put in a lot of time on the water doing what we all enjoy. When you have a look at it percentage wise, more go back into the water from their boats, than into the fryer.

But be sensible about it, and only let fish go that are in good condition.

WHAT'S BITING Cont.

Haven't heard a lot about the freshwater recently, apart from what has been falling from the sky. With any luck it might have topped up Hinze Dam. Jamie the following fresh water updates through, so have a read and get keen for the gentle art of freshwater, where you can learn some real patients.

10th April 'Gaday Shane, Saturday saw me fish Maroon dam for 16 Bass all caught on a Jackall TN70, also fished rubbers as well but no takers'.

'Stopped on the way home and had a quick flick around the Albert River and got a flathead and a bream before I got busted up on the rocks. Sunday saw the family picnicking at Closey's Fishing World, between the 3 of us we managed about 20 fish for the afternoon, comprising of Sooty grunter, Barcoo Grunter and Silver Perch. The fish got Bigger as the day went on. Both Candice and Karen caught nice Silver Perch of similar size around 35cm, and Karen's got a whopper Barcoo Grunter just under 50cm and almost 4Kg. I managed 1 legal Sooty and a Barcoo Grunter of about 33cm and 1kg. Karen's Grunter and Candice's Silver Perch are up for Fish of the month.



Karen a very good Barcoo Grunter 4kg

7th May Fished Hinze Dam Saturday morning. The wind was blowing the dog off the chain, but I tried new ground on the eastern arm from the Tower to the Narrows. Had two or three bumps on spinner baits and beetle spins and finally nailed one, just before the big bay in the Narrows area.

While only 34 cm it was in great condition and fat, it put in a good show on 4lb line taking line on three runs before laying quietly for a photo - measure and released. That was it for the trip.

While out doing the entry form drop this afternoon, the guys at Captain Bligh's showed me a Photo taken Friday morning at Wivenhoe of a 56cm to the fork Bass, taken on a slow trolled TN 50 Jackal in blood red colour with a black back.

The guy just thought he'd run the line out to retighten the line on the spool, with 60 metres of line out the back the fish hit like a Tuna peeling a further 20-30 metres of line from the reel before being landed. I think I'm going to Big W next trip. My new GL2 G-Loomis needs to be blooded so to speak. Cheers Jamie.



Jamie's Hinze Dam Bass



HOT BARRA TRIP, BEAUTIFUL

Club Member John Hogan did a Barra Trip to Townsville with a couple of mates, and here is history. Thanks for taking the time to put Pen to paper John; sorry I didn't get it last months copy. Read on it sounds like a great spot, with tons of hungry fish.

On the 14th Feb 05, we departed from Brisbane at 7:45am, arriving at Townsville at 9:30 am. A short trip to book into our accommodation and then down to the boat ramp meeting Andrew Mead from Aussie Barra Charters by 11:45am. Andrew was waiting with a great haul of live bait, prawns. So away we went across Clearland bay to Crocodile Creek. Andrew baited his first prawn, tossed it in and before he could hand over the rod an 80cm Barra was on it, 10 seconds at the most. And so the afternoon went on, by 5pm we had bested 35 Barra 90% keepers. We took 14 home between 70 and 80cms.



John Hogan with a First Day Barra from Townsville's Crocodile Creek

At this stage we could have returned to the Coast declaring it a successful trip. As we had planed 4 days of fishing with a lay day in between we allowed greed to take over and Tuesday saw us heading down to the Horton River looking for size. Rumour around the traps from other fisherman (*obviously creditable*) was that some metre plus Barra had been taken in the Horton the previous weekend. You don't have to be told we worked hard all day and never boated a Barra, however some nice Finger Mark were taken. The highlight of the day was a few grogs at the Garu International Pub. It's an old pub in the sticks with some great fish photos and memorabilia, with locals and no shortage of stories.

Thursday saw us back in the Sandfly Creek first up, with the cast net battling the locals who were there for a feed of prawns. We needed them for the all important bait. A couple of hundred prawns in about an hour saw us off again to the Alligator Creek and Crocodile Creek for some serious fishing. If the tide is in these creeks are only about 5 minutes apart in travelling time. Nothing like day one, the count was 4 Barra and a Fingermark. Still, it was another happy day on the water.

With the build up towards the full moon and a bit more run in the tide saw Andrew target the mullet for bait on Friday. Here we viewed some very clever net throwing in the mangroves & before long with enough bait in the well we were off again. The mullet were fished a little differently, fishing in the deep holes in the middle of the river, as against banks and snags with the prawns. We did have a metre plus hook up on the mullet, everyone saw it, but he was too good for us. Another three Barra and a Fingermark and it was all over. Back to the boat ramp by 4pm, on the plane by 7pm and back in Brisbane by 8:30.

For an exciting Barra trip like this, all you need is a plane ticket and a couple of days off work.

Andrew Mead's number is 0428 988229.

Any other queries, ask John at the next meeting.

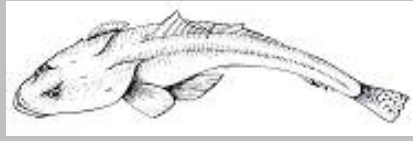
John Hogan



Crocodile Creek Barra

| Date | Comp/Event | Contact Details | Our club |
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| May 2005 | | | |
| 8 th | BASS Electic Rnd 13 Lake Macdonald Qld | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| ** 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 Davies 07 3886 2398 | |
| 14 th & 15 th | Sunshine Coast Heavy Tackle | SCGFC = Kylie Hancox 0409 626 222 | |
| 22 nd | BASS Electic Rnd 15 Wivenhoe Dam Qld | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| 27 th – 29 th | King of the Pin Beenleigh | Shirley Hudson 07 3287 1003 | |
| 28 th – 29 th | BREAM Qld Rnd 1 Tweed River | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| 28 th – 3 rd June | Fraser Island Fishing Expo | www.toyota.com.au 1800 800 543 | |
| June 2005 | | | |
| 4 th - 5 th | Bass Pro Rnd 3 Bjelke-petersen Dam | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| ** 9 th ** | CLUB MEETING | | |
| 10 th – 13 th | Moreton Bay & Offshore Family Fishing Call Reland Bay | Redland Bay AFC 0403 249 930 | |
| 12 th | BASS Electic Rnd 16 Lenthalls Dam Qld | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| 11 th , 12 th & 13 th | CLUB Illuka Trip Queens Birth Long weekend | | |
| 18 th – 19 th | Boondooma Bash Lake Boondooma | Rob Smith 07 4162 6235 | |
| 26 th | BASS Electic Rnd 17 Clarrie Hall Dam NSW | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| July 2005 | | | |
| 2 nd – 3 rd | BASS Pro Rnd 4 Lake Boondooma | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| 9 th – 10 th | Stessl Family Bass Challenge Rnd 3 | Gordon Turner 0418 877 525 | |
| ** 14 th ** | CLUB MEETING | | |
| ++17 th ++ | CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ | | |
| 16 th & 17 th | SEQ Winter Series Daiwa Bass Mania Rd2 Wivenhoe Dam | Steve 07 3886 2398 | |
| 17 th | BASS Electic Rnd 18 Isis Balancing Storage Qld | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| 22 nd – 24 th | Gold Coast Winter Games | GCGFC = Danny Symonds 0418 222 220 | |
| 24 th | BASS Electic Rnd 19 Wivenhoe Dam Qld | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| 30 th – 31 st | Bream Qld Rnd 2 Gold Coast | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| 30 th – 31 st | Isisford Freshwater Fishing Competition Barcoo River Isisford | Isisford SC 07 4658 8930 | |
| August 2005 | | | |
| 7 th | BASS Electic Rnd 20 Toonumbar Dam NSW | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| ** 11 th ** | CLUB MEETING | | |
| ++14 th ++ | CLUB COMP 1pm Sunday BBQ | | |
| 14 th | BASS Electic Rnd 21 Cressbrook Dam Qld | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| 21 st | BASS Electic Rnd 22 Maroon Dam Qld | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| 27 th – 28 th | BASS Pro Rnd 5 Lake Somerset | ABT 07 3268 3992 | |
| October 2005 | | | |
| 7 th -9 th | Sunshine Coast Sailfish Shootout SCGFC | Kylie Hancox 0409 626 222 | |

Gold Coast Sportfishing Club Inc.
2004 GOLD COAST FLATHEAD CLASSIC



NEWSLETTER

Hello again, preparation and planning is now well underway for the 2005 Flathead Classic, which will again be based at our Southport venue.

The dates for this years Flathead Classic has been set based on Queensland school holiday dates and our belief of fishing a high tide early morning. Our preferred option of having an overlap between both Queensland & NSW holidays was unfortunately not available to us this year. Briefing and sign-on will be on Wednesday 14th September 2005 from 4.00pm through to 6.00pm. Fishing will be held on Thursday 15th September, Friday 16th September and finalise on Saturday 17th September. Based on feedback from 2004, competitors prefer an earlier starting time than the 7.00am trailed in 2004. We have therefore decided on a start fishing time of 6.30am for this year, as we are still mindful of the long hours on the water put in by everyone over the 3 days. Fishing will start at 6.30am through to 4.00pm for Day 1 and 2. On Saturday 1 October 2005 fishing hours will be 6.30am to 12.00pm.

The format for this year's event will remain very much the same as previous years with all flathead over 40cm to be photographed against the tournament ruler. Whilst we are not yet making the use of digital cameras compulsory, it will be the preferred means of evidencing your catch and score. We would like to see as many teams as possible using this technology. The time saved in using digital cameras will benefit us all. The fishing boundaries will remain the same as in 2004 (ie. Seaway & Jumpinpin Bars are open except for areas to the eastern boundaries marked on maps provided). The point score system is to be enhanced with the view of placing less emphasis on the capture of larger flathead, in line with current fish size regulations.

Your team entry form is attached together with accommodation guide and map to venue site. You should also note that nomination fees should be paid before the 27th July 2005 in order to take advantage of the discount offered. The production of the tournament shirt has always proved a challenge in getting sizes correct. Shirt sizes received before 27/7/2005 can be catered for. Any team nomination received after this date can not be guaranteed the correct sizing.

We look forward to receiving your application and intention to fish.

Wishing you tight lines and happy fishing!

Dan Nelson
Flathead Classic Committee

**Gold Coast Sportfishing Club Inc.
2005 GOLD COAST FLATHEAD CLASSIC**



TEAM ENTRY FORM

DATES

Sign-On, Briefing & Dinner – WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2005

Fishing & Dinner - THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2005 & FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2005

Fishing, Lunch & Presentations – SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER 2005

TOURNAMENT VENUE

Southport Amateur Fishing Club, Anzac Park, Southport
(Entry at intersection Marine Parade & Nind Street, near Southport Pool)

ENTRY FEES

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| SENIORS | \$160.00 | (discounted to \$145.00 if paid before Wednesday 27/7/2005) |
| JUNIORS | \$ 85.00 | (discounted to \$75.00 if paid before Wednesday 27/7/2005) |

Your Entry Fee Includes- Meals as indicated above (extra meals available, please enquire)

- Tournament Shirt for every competitor
- Team Bag containing lots of goodies courtesy of our Tournament Sponsors
- Tournament Handbook for every competitor

Please send your cheque or money order and the application form to:

**Gold Coast Sportfishing Club Inc
PO Box 1388
SOUTHPORT QLD 4215**

**In order to guarantee your shirt size &
early entry discount, please submit your
entry form by Wednesday 27/7/2005 .**

TEAM NAME:

Competitor 1. – (Team Captain) Name:

Unit/Street No.: Street Name:

Suburb: Post Code:

Phone: Email:

Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL Senior / Junior (U16)
(Please Circle) (Please Circle)

Competitor 2. – Name:

Unit/Street No.: Street Name:

Suburb: Post Code:

Phone: Email:

Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL Senior / Junior (U16)
(Please Circle) (Please Circle)

Competitor 3. – Name:

Unit/Street No.: Street Name:

Suburb: Post Code:

Phone: Email:

Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL Senior / Junior (U16)
(Please Circle) (Please Circle)

Competitor 1. Entry Fee: \$.....

Competitor 2. Entry Fee: \$..... Total Amount to be paid: \$.....

Competitor 3. Entry Fee: \$.....

Team Captain's Signature: Date:/...../2005

We agree to compete and abide by the rules and conditions described in the tournament handbook (including any changes or additions that may occur), and will accept as binding and conclusive all decisions and interpretations of the rules by the committee of the GOLD COAST FLATHEAD CLASSIC and/or the GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB INC.

Spanish Mackerel the Champagne Way

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| 3.5kg (7lb) Spanish Mackerel (or any Large fish _ kingfish, Jewfish, etc.) filleted | ½ teaspoon dill |
| Salt and freshly ground pepper | ½ teaspoon fennel seeds |
| ½ Teaspoon basil | Dry champagne |

Sauce

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| 90g (3 oz) butter | Paprika |
| 1 tablespoon plain flour | 4 hard-boiled eggs, sliced |
| Salt & freshly ground pepper | Parsley |
| 2 drops Tabasco sauce | Lemon wedges |
| 2 cups milk | Celery |
| 1 teaspoon mustard or anchovy essence (optional) | |

This dish may be served hot or cold.

Lay the mackerel fillets in a shallow dish and season with salt, pepper, basil, dill and fennel. Pour the champagne over the fillets (the amount depending on how many fillets you have for each person). Make sure the fish is well soaked.

Cover dish, place in a warm oven and simmer until cooked. Take care not to overcook it as it will take only a short time (only about 20 minutes). If serving hot, place on serving plate, decorate with parsley and lemon, and serve with sauce (below). If serving cold, turn off oven and leave in oven until cold. Then turn out carefully on to a serving dish and refrigerate. When ready to serve, decorate fish with plenty of parsley, lemons and crisp celery and serve with the chilled sauce.

To make sauce, melt butter in a saucepan (be careful not to burn); add flour, salt, pepper and Tabasco. Using a wooden spoon, mix flour into hot butter and seasonings, until it is smooth. Add milk very gradually and keep on stirring; do not let the mixture stick to the bottom of the saucepan. Cook for a few minutes until raw flour taste has gone.

Add mustard or anchovy essence if liked. Mix well, pour into a serving jug, add eggs and sprinkle with paprika. Serve hot or cold.

Serves 6 (from Doyle's fish Cookbook by Alice Doyle)



Club Recorder Glen Phillips, with a nice flathead and Jew, both the result of live baiting at night on the Gold Coast.