



GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB



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CLUB DATES

COMMITTEE MEETING	GENERAL MEETING
July 5 th 2007	July 12 th 2007

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on the 14th June. At this meeting a new committee was formed see above.

CLUB BBQ'S

Club bbq's are held each Sunday after the General Meetings, 1pm at the Club House- BYO.

Flathead Classic

Dates will be 3-4-5-6th October. Work has already started towards staging of the 2007 Flathead Classic. The 2007 committee will be staying on, at this stage we do need some new blood to assist with some of the duties. A number of people showed the necessary interest a couple of months back so if you are one of those contact Jamie or Don and put your name down.

Newsletters

We would like to thank Jan Jensen for all the work she has put in over the year in getting out the monthly newsletters. And thank you Jan for your offer of help if needed to guide me along, Irene

Gold Coast Boating & Fishing Tackle Show 6-8th July

The Gold Coast Sportsfishing Club will be having a stand at the above show and we will be selling raffle tickets and promote new membership for the club, membership forms will be available to those that are interested.

COMPETITION PAGE June Club Competition

The June Club Comp was won by Matthew Bowe he is now on a 10% handicap from the May competition.

July Club Competition

This trip is planned for the 15th July, we have a new moon the night before so hopefully some snapper have moved into the shallow reefs giving everyone a shot at a good fish regardless of boat size. If required we will move this trip to suit weather so as to get one trip in during the prime part of the season. There is a \$10 nomination fee with a Rovex big boss reel up for grabs. Anyone interested contact Matty, details on the front page of newsletter or attend meeting on 12th July. Fishing permitted from 1.00pm Saturday 14th July. Weigh in by 1.00pm Sunday 15th. Biggest overall length wins. Those nominated for the comp will be notified of a token to have in any photos on Saturday morning via SMS. All those heading offshore are reminded to check their safety equipment i.e date of flares, EPIRBS etc.

August Club Competition

The August competition is on the 12th. Target fish bream/flathead combined length. Location Flathead Classic Boundaries. Meet at the clubhouse 6.am. BBQ from 12.00pm at clubhouse. For a bit more of a challenge this comp will be an aggregate length of one flathead and one bream. Photos or fish can be presented, a smaller aggregate of a bream/flathead combination length will beat a flathead of a greater length i.e. 40cm flathead/23cm bream beats 70cm flathead. (if you get a 64cm bream it will be put to a vote).

September Club Competition

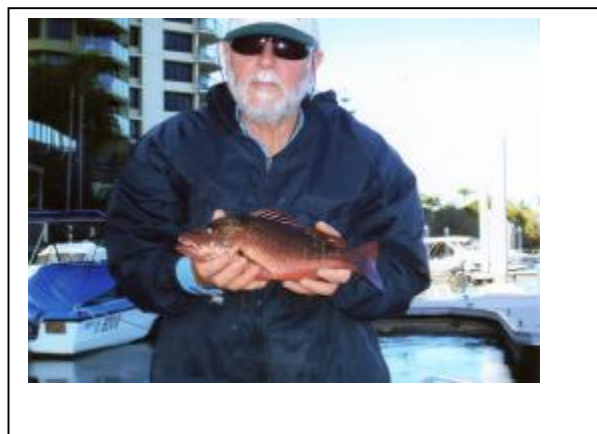
The September competition is on and will be an interclub comp with the Hinze Dam Club.

Mike Halls

Congratulations to Mike Halls to being inducted into the Hall Of (fishing) Fame after 22 years with the club.



Mike Halls with a 70cm flathead caught at I luka, in the Clarence River



Mike Halls with a 28cm Mangrove Jack caught in the Nerang River on our Bream

Fishing Report from Jamie

G'day all, first up I used the spell checker, that should make a few people happy. Had a few fishing trips over the last month or so, I've fished Hinze Dam with the Hinze Dam Fishing Club. I've fished the second round of the Minibucks Bream Tournament. The pin has been tried too with Peter Denaro looking around to see what's around and where we fished there wasn't too much happening.

On Sunday 17th June the club social day, I took Irene Robertson out for her first fishing session with Soft Plastics. Matty and Michael Bowe, Rob See and Daniel Halls also fishing the club day. We fished Sovereign Island area for Flathead, Bream and a Sole plus two unstoppable.

Irene's tally was 3 flathead, the biggest went 42cm, my biggest flathead was 48cm, my biggest bream 28cm. The good old Berkley Gulps in the Nuclear Chicken colour on 1/16th jigheads getting most of the fish. Matty and Michael caught a few nice fish too.

The stand out for the day was Rob and Daniel fishing the pin area getting Doggie Mackerel, Monster Bream and a good Flathead. Mackerel inside the bar!!!!. 38cm Bream on a large shad meant for a Flathead, the 20 minute run was worth while for a top catch, well done guys.

Till next good fishing trip.



Irene first fish on soft plastics



Minibucks Flathead



Bass from the Hinze Dam

I luka Trip

The trip to I luka took place on the Queens b'day weekend 8th - 11th June.

Things started off well with Mike & Dan Halls, who made it down on the Thursday reporting that they had managed a few good fish not far from the boat ramp on Friday afternoon. Friday night the westerlies blew and the temperature dropped making the early morning rise to go fishing that bit harder. We fished a variety of spots during the day from the main river up into the oyster channel myself & Mick fished similar areas to Mike & Dan and we all managed a few bream & flathead although nothing of standout quality and despite the cold it was a good day. Rob was a little bit later to rise than us after enjoying the insulation properties of a nylon tent for the evening but still found a couple of fish around the river mouth area for his effort. Sunday morning saw us stick to the main river heading upstream until we ended up fishing a section of rocky ground along with numerous other boats including the majority of the boats competing in the ABT bream comp being run over the weekend. Between us all we landed a number of bream over 30cm's out of 6m of water but before long the bite seemed to slow down which was when the skills of a couple of the tournament fisherman was really noticeable. While ourselves and other boats around struggled to get the odd fish one of the competitors in particular continued to pull fish on nearly every drift. Mike landed a nice flathead on the way back to the ramp in the afternoon deep jigging while rob and his parents got a few more fish during the afternoon down near the mouth. That night we all got together for a BBQ and chat to cap the weekend off. We stayed at the Anchorage caravan park and the facilities for a club getaway like this were excellent with clean amenities a large undercover BBQ area with heaps of seating space, a playground for the kids and a full range of accommodation from tent sites to self-contained cabins. We will be heading down for the Queens birthday weekend again next year so pencil it in now and bring the family along.

Matty Bowe

Tangles Little Bit

I t's been one of those months.

Right now it's freezing cold with a huge Westerly coming off a low pressure system of northern NSW, it can leave any time it likes for mine. Fortunately it looks as though it will be a short but cold winter with an early spring maybe mid August. All the local birds have done their thing and have gone to nest for the spring chicks, and have you noticed that the tailer seem early on the beaches this year, maybe it's the cold westerly winds. Hopefully the Snapper will come in early as well this year.

Raffi gave an interesting talk on Snapper fishing in June that has inspired more than one to have a go this year. Matt has a day planned on the Snapper in July so I hope there is a good attendance for the day and the resultant BBQ. Matt is behind the eight ball with a handicap for this coming comp.

Our new Publicity Officer, Irene is off the mark with a few Flathead but I notice Jamie forgot to take a photo of her best fish, for fish of the month, seems that her only photo is an undersize. Irene you will need your own camera to beat the skipper.

My two weeks holiday at the start of June turned into a one week rouseabout with rain every day and no boat arriving to even suggest getting the rods out of their travel tubes. The couple of times I drove along the waterfront at 1770 even the caravaner's were indoors. This coming month (July) our new life member Mike Halls has a sit down dinner planned for paid up members so do not eat before you come.

I do not know what the actual meal will be but it should be substantial as it is a trial run for the Flathead Classic.

Snapper/Reef Fishing

Raffi brought in some notes on Snapper fishing at the June meeting and here are some articles that may be of interest.

TACKLE REQUIREMENTS

Here is a quick guidance on what sort of tackle is recommended for catching snapper and general reef fishing of the Gold Coast.

"Fishing in less than 50m of water" 4kg-0kg mono line (8lb-30lb braid), 30lb>60lb leader, hooks -Mustad big gun or owner 3/0 to 6/0 size or ganged hooks 3x5/0 Mustad 4200 or 7766 as well as Gamakatsu Gangster series. Swivel size black Crane No.4, Lumo beads, the larger the better 6mm to 12mm and last nut not least -sinkers-->Glo sinkers in sizes 1/4oz to 4oz depending on current (for floaters), and 4oz to 12oz dropper leads, although plain sinkers also work.

Small to medium sized overhead reels and light to medium action rods capable of handling the above sized lines, threadline and baitrunner reels also are popular matched up to light action rods averaging 1.80m to 2.4m in length. Best baits are WA Pillies, squid, flesh baits, live yakkas, slimmies, anything legal.

"Fishing in less than 80m of water" Once you venture over the 50m mark, generally speaking the average fish size upgrades, so does the current, so does the wind. If you want to have fun you can use the same tackle as above but keep your line size to a minimum of 8kg. If the wind is blowing more than 10 knots you will have to increase your sinker sizes as well. Due to the depth of water and the fact that you are drift fishing most bottom fish will not take a bait on more than a 45 degree angle behind the boat. They like your line very slack on the bottom but at the same time with minimal weight on it...how to do this? The two easiest ways are 1.. if you are at anchor you have to learn to cast your bait up current (floaters). Basic bottom fishing does not matter. 2.. if you are drift fishing you may want to learn to reverse your boat into the wind or current which ever way your lines are hanging out. This applies to both bottom fishing and floaters, but must be done with extreme caution and care particularly if there is wind against current. Anything over 15 knots or the first serious bit of water to come in over the transom and I would usually upgrade my sinker size or head home!!!

Latest Report from Jamie

Weekend of the 23rd cold and wet.

Peter Denaro and I fished the pin area again, the target species Bream.

The word was their there in big numbers.

So off we went, it was bitterly cold but no rain first up the tide was just starting to get some run.

The water was very clear for this stage of the tide. we fished the ledge along Swan Bay with Berkley shrimps and turtleback worms. sitting on the electric and casting up current and waiting for the 1/8th jigheads to drop the 5m to where the fish were. The fishing was constant with fish coming aboard but the size was not that big ,27-28cm.

We landed 11 fish till 10 am and decided to head home when the rain started.

Weekend of the 30th .

I had originally cancelled my plans with the weather forecast for crap weather, but by 10 am I was thinking why did I liste,. the window of opportunity was there.

Karen said why don't you go? I've got plans anyway.

10:30 and I'm getting ready to go. 11:30 on the water at the Sundale Bridge.

the water was fine NO swell and the 24's looked great I sat on 30knts for the trip .

There was only a couple boats out there , and most were charter boats or whale watchers.

I had a few drifts but after 30-40 minutes the wind kicked in and it made the drift too fast to fish soft plastics.

I headed back in closer and followed the birds for a bit, lots of bait around at the moment and the water temp around 22 Deg.

A big school of Tuna broke the surface not too far way but by the time I got there the action was over.

If the target species was to be large sea birds you would be in with a show,

from 11:30 till I finished fishing I saw 6 birds hooked and landed.

I chatted with a guy near the seaway about his catch and it was average , but he said the Tailor were around at the moment.

The first thing I thought of was Narrow Neck. it's close and it's sheltered, there were half a dozen boats drifting around casting pillie's and metal lures.

I started with pillie's and using a twin hook rig and no sinker I cast half and whole pillie's for a good result.

I only had a dozen or so pillie's and the birds and the bait fish wrecked a few of these.

I landed about 9 45cm Tailor and a 65cm mackerel before the Bait ran out.

It was too much fun to go yet so out with the metal lures, a fish a cast for an hour or so.

what a blast. No fast cranking the lure back, just a lazy wind and the 40 gram bait fish profile jig got nailed every cast.

I released about another 10 or 12 fish before heading for home.

Sunday the 1st July.

Rodrck Walmsley invited me to fish with him in the Ausbream social on the Tweed River.

I've been trying to get a chance to fish with Rodrick for months, so I was there.

6:30am start and the learning curve started.

Super lite jigheads and 2 and 3 pound leader and the fish just came,(for Rod anyway.)

he made it look easy, but the thinking behind the fishing is in-depth stuff.

The old Bream fishing theory is out the window, it's high tech Rods and reels, very fine lines and patience.

Attention to detail also played a part on one of my first rigged plastics Rod say "your prawn is crooked.

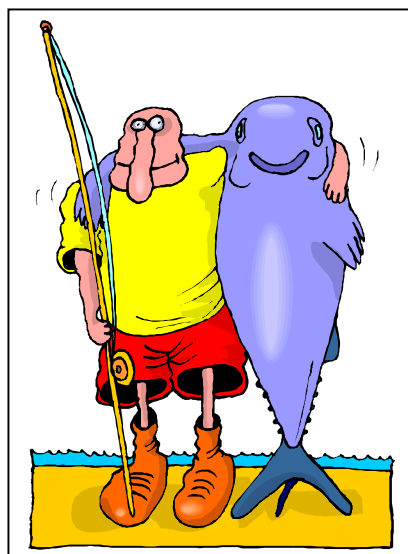
I altered the prawn and made my cast, that's the attention to detail that goes into winning bream comps.

I had a great day, learnt heaps watch masses of Bream caught and released including a 38cm to the fork that went 989 Grams .

One of the biggest Bream I've seen but only average to the Bream guys.

The Bream scene is only going to get bigger and bigger as the bug is caught by more fisho's.

Till next trip good fishing.



Happy Fishing - Irene