



# GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB



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## August 2007 Newsletter

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### CLUB DATES

COMMITTEE MEETING	GENERAL MEETING
August 2nd 2007	August 9th 2007
	<u>Guest Speaker</u> Tony Devine on deep water jigging for flathead Backed up by Matt Bowe on the ABT Tweed Round

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

### Flathead Classic

Dates will be 3-4-5-6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### A.N.S.A.

Here is the new website for ANSA [www.ansagld.com.au](http://www.ansagld.com.au)

## COMPETITION PAGE

### Snapper Competition - July

gaday all.

Saturday the 28th July. Third time lucky, after two cancellations the trip finally happened. 4 boats attended the trip, 3 venturing outside to chase the Snapper and Matty with son Harry in tow fish the calm water. Young Harry caught his first fish on plastic, a Flathead about 48cm. WELL DONE HARRY. You can have a go at betting your old man next trip. (matt you will have to read this to him) Mike Halls and a Friend, Rob see and Daniel halls, Myself and Irene managed to depart the Seaway at 4:30am to see what we could catch. Mike fished the 18's and did ok so I'm told. a couple 4kg snapper for his efforts.

Daniel and Rob caught a few pan sized fish, Irene caught 2 squire 1 legal and 1 throw back, me well the snapper are still safe.

From what I can work out the moon set at about 5:30am and after that the fish just stopped. We burleyed for hours for not a touch, 9:30 we upped anchor and tried drifting over a few different areas that showed good structure and a few fish. I think it was Irene's day 4 new Species for her. Sweep, Squire/Snapper, Golden trevally, and Tailor. mine was just 2. A Red Rock Cod and 5 Tailor. not the best trip but we managed a feed and still enjoyed the BBQ at the club afterwards. Hopefully next months trip will see more boats attend.

If any one is interested in fishing with the Hinze dam Fishing Club this month it is the 19th a Sunday. you can ring me for details, its electric boats only, this is the last time you will be able to launch your boat from the main dam basin area for the next 2 years while rebuilding of the wall is in progress. MY Number is on the front of the news letter.

Cheers Jamie.

### August Club Competition

The August competition is on the 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 guest speaker for our September meeting will be Phil Alder from Bozo's Lures. The September competition is on and will be an interclub comp with the Hinze Dam Club.

### October/November Competition

These trips are planned for 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> of October and 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> of November. Species and locations for these trips will be discussed at this months meeting so have a think about what you would like to target at that time of year and bring them up on Thursday night. Also think about if you will be willing or able to fish the October comp being that it is the weekend after the classic and we will make a decision on an alternative weekend if needed.

## Swells Up - Don Woodford

When the word goes out board riders from cities and even farms head for the coast seeking the perfect wave. If they ride a mal they look for long low swells that are full of water from a long way out. Short boardies look for the fast swells with not so much weight that stand up in the shallow water and form tubes as they break. Good fun if you don't mind getting dumped regularly. I was one of those kids.

But as Boaties what do they mean. Big swells such as we have seen just recently normally are formed up by deep low-pressure systems off the coast. Where they are and how fast they move define how long the swell stays up locally. During the winter the lows are generally off NSW coast and tend to move away quickly. Usually these don't give off too much wind unless they combine into a sandwich system with a high-pressure system further south. Then they form what I call a "Claytons Cyclone" with winds up to 50-60 knots and huge seas, I don't know why a low pushes up a sea so fast, how pressure just that low and light rises quickly into the atmosphere turning cold then forming those big thunderheads that are so destructive. These winter swell-ups usually only last 24-48 hours then fall quickly. During winter low-pressure systems usually stay south of the NSW border with high-pressure systems across the centre of Australia or more to the north. During spring and summer the roles reverse with the lows forming tropical storms giving us NW winds off the land and sometimes cyclones as they rise even higher in the warmer air. Once they hit the tropical ocean of N.Q. they often follow the warm oceanic current SE along the coast building up large swells. These lows usually carry cyclonic winds moving clockwise.

During the warmer months the highs are the dominant force and will push the lows further eastwards towards Lord Howe Island. The result is again a sandwich system combining the wind speed of the low and wind speed of the high, in other words bloody fast and furious. These winds can and do last for a week or more. With both systems pushing up the seas the swells travel very fast and are close together as opposed to the slow and heavy swells of the winter lows.

### The Pros and the Cons

On the plus side the summer swells and winds will usually push the warm oceanic current close inshore bringing in the baitfish and the pelagic species such as mackerel, wahoo, tuna and marlin. A sure sign of this current being in close is Blue Bottles and Violet Snails on the surf beach. The daily surf reports give warnings of Blue Bottles on the beach.

If you follow the weather, the rising barometric pressures will warn you of the wind coming so the trick is to fish the start of the wind when the fish bite, once the barometer gets too high the fish go off and it is too windy and rough anyway. As soon as the barometer starts to drop say down to 1020 decreasing the fish will come on again until the pressure drops down to 1000 or so which then turns the wind N-NW. Fishing these winds the sea is often still too wild to be comfortable so the trick is to control drift/troll your baits/lures down wind. These fast winds/seas push the bait-fish into hiding and sheltering against rocks or behind rock walls such as the seaway south wall on the rising tide.

The winter slow swells have an advantage in as much as they occur during demersal season. Float line fishing with light rods produces a yo-yo effect to baits and lures keeping them swimming.

On the negative side the swells can be dangerous. There are places on all coastlines where the ground rises up very shallow from deep water and fishermen tend to anchor up short over them. Two places local areas Fido's Reef at Cook Island and The Bags off Narrownneck. Both these places have and will continue to take lives. What happens is that big heavy swells suck up suddenly and break under. Every year Fido's takes 2-3 boats, there are a few white haired young blokes around from anchoring on the Bags.

During summer a lot of boats troll or cast these spots but the trick is to stand off for awhile to watch if the sea is inclined to bust. There is no such thing as a "killer wave" but there are a lot of unwary

"killer skippers". Never troll side on or stern on to a possible break. Keep it diagonal so that one eye is always watching.

### Seaway and Bars

In summer the low-pressure cyclonic seas are big and fast and usually bust well out. In some situations it is possible to jump white water for a couple of hundred meters then break right or left between the waves running parallel to the white water until you get clear of the centre bank then turn seawards again. If you watch surfers they paddle out around the end of the wave shape.

Currumbin is a typical place for this type of exit. The Northern run can often take you into the beach gutter then up as far as the surf club to get out. Never try to go straight out of any entrance even if it is the channel, stay to one side or the other then break off.

Run out tides compact the swells making them stand up and close up, stay out of the moving water on one edge.

Southport has always been to break right (south) The Pin has always been left (north). The general rule is that swells travel in sets, which is 6 or 7 waves building to a big one at the back then a lull to the next set. Going out count the sets then race through the lull. Coming home you have to be aware that the bigger waves have a lot more water and weight and will over-run the smaller waves in front. Most boats are lost in this doubling up situation. Either going out or coming in the bigger waves suck up water out of the waves in front creating a vacuum effect and a reverse flow of water.

Going out sometimes it is necessary to hold the motor in reverse to stop getting sucked under the big one until it busts even on a run in tide.

Coming in be aware of where you are. The big one behind will double the smaller wave so you will need full power and all the speed you can build up zigzagging then go straight off the front and keep the eyes in the back of your head, train him/her to call the catch-ups behind you.

Big SE swells often travel 25 knots or better. If you are going to fish offshore spend the time to watch and learn then practice. There is only one rule

IF IN DOUBT - DONT

### ABT Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August

The ABT next round will be as above based in the park at the clubhouse, Steve is organizing for the club to run the BBQ on the Sunday afternoon.

It is a chance for us to make a few bucks selling snags etc, it is also another chance to sell a few more tickets in the little boat and to promote the club and the Flathead Classic.

We are going to need a few members to help with the BBQ and to mix in selling tickets.

Put it on your calendar and come along.

I think that I can organize a free snag or two and a drink for the family in the park.

Jamie's been swinging the pick the past few months and has come up with some real gold this time, I'm sure he will tell you all about it at the next meeting.

When he uses a sledge he only seems to hit his toe.

### Kids Christmas Party- Presentation Day

Two of the ladies Gail LE Masurier and Fay Rohweder have decided that they wish to organize this years Christmas party at the clubhouse on a Saturday either side of December 1<sup>st</sup> or on that day. Their plans are to utilise the park area to entertain the kids, maybe including a jumping castle or whatever .

The committee has promised them funds to meet their wishes towards food etc.

In view of the work involved some assistance will be needed from wives, mothers or grandmothers.

I know that most ladies will be willing to put in if the club members give their wives the nod and pass on this request. Thanks. Mike Halls has organised a DJ for the party.

INTERESTING ARTICLE SENT IN BY JAMIE

**Big chill kills off barras**

Martin Phillip

IT'S enough to make any barramundi fanatic reach for a hanky.

Thousands of dead tropical fish — some more than a metre long — floating to the surface of Lake Moondarra, Mount Isa's main water supply.

Authorities are blaming Queensland's big chill on the mass fish deaths, which have local anglers fearing the worst.

George Fortune, president of the Mount Isa Fish Stocking Group, said about 2000 fish had died in July.

"It's been unusually cold for unusually long, and they just can't tolerate the low temperatures for any length of time," Mr Fortune said. "The barramundi come into the shallow parts of the dam to get warm, but they get caught up in the shallows, dying of the cold weather."

The cold snap affecting the whole state has seen the mercury drop to as low as 3.2C in Mount Isa this month. And the fish deaths have forced authorities to grapple with another unwanted problem: disposing of the carcasses.

Big pits have been dug to bury the barramundi, along with large numbers of sleep cod and catfish. Mr Fortune said barramundi stocks in Lake Moondarra were down by as much as 40 per cent.

ICY death . . . George Fortune with some of the barramundi killed by the cold. Inset: The clean-up. Pictures: Brian Cass

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Tangles Little Bit

Boat Show= All in all considering the weather for the weekend we did ok. My big thanks go to John and Sean & Irene, Jamie, Gail Le Maz, Rachel, Matt, Tony Le Maz, Rob and Fay, Mike and Daniel. All in all a big thanks to the biggest crew that we have put together for a weekend event for a long time.

The results were about 9 books of tickets sold, now if we can do that again soon we will get there. We'll do regular days around the local tackle shops with the boat so if you are interested give me a call and spend just a couple of hours. The next big chance is on the 12<sup>th</sup> August see elsewhere for details.

The last club meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> saw 23 sit down to a full meal at the clubhouse, roast pork and roast lamb plus all the vegies followed by apple Crumble, cream and custard.

The night was hosted by Mike Halls and the Flathead Classic Committee as a trial run for the caterers. I think they scored 100%.

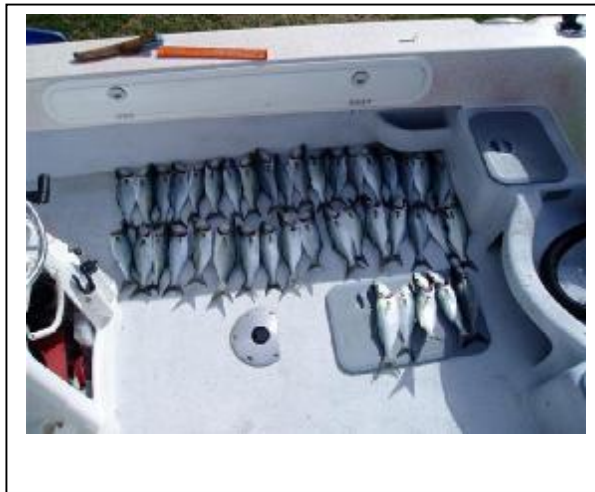
Matt is looking to improve attendances at the weekend comps so spend the time to have a chat to him. July 14, 15 saw another round of the ABT on the Tweed river. I don't know the full results of the weekend, but Matt fished as a ride on learner scoring 13<sup>th</sup> on the Saturday with Steve Wilson leading then falling back to second overall on the Sunday.

Matt couldn't hold his end up on Sunday and dropped right out.

Good show though boys.

### Fishing Report from Jamie

Report for 8<sup>th</sup> July: After a perfect day was missed while I did my duties at the boat show Saturday Peter Denaro and I ventured out Sunday morning first looking for Snapper on the close reefs, I couldn't even lose a bait. If I was fishing a live bait I could have released it unharmed. After 3 hours we bailed on the Snapper idea and headed in closer. Narrow Neck has a few tailor swarming on it at the moment, as we arrived we were boat number 46. Using 40gr slugs we landed 50 odd fish releasing 10 to fight another day, we dropped 10 or 15 at the boat, had a ball. Blood all over the place, the average size was 40cm, not big fish but very yummy with honey and lime Cheers Jamie



### Fishing report 22<sup>nd</sup> July- Jamie

G'day all.

What can I say! Cold and windy, with more of the same.

After one cancelled trip due to crappy weather and the second one canned as well, I had to go out regardless of the weather.

I couldn't make up my mind whether to go fresh water or salt So, after a long lie in bed I decided to go try for a tailor. The swell report was under a metre! ( they lied) or their gismo was broken.

The swell was huge, the only boats going out were the whale watchers and the coast guard.

The few posser boats that poked their noses out soon turned around to head for the nearest anchorage.

The Bream fishermen were everywhere, I think the third round of the minibucks was this weekend and pre-fishing for the next Gold Coast round of the ABT.

The Seaway and the area and just outside was the only place for me to fish today, I really limited my options taking only 1 rod and a box of slugs.

Baitfish were thick in the Seaway as normal, small flying fish seemed to be the main bait there.

When I first saw them I thought it was a Dragon Fly, but they were flying fish about 50mm long,

I had quiet a few that landed in the boat.

The Tailor are safe for now, bobbing around in the waves breaking through the end of the seaway and jigging for what ever I could get. I had a ball, GT's, Queenfish , Black Trevally, Big eye Trevally, all took a liking to some of the offerings I dropped over the side.

The best fish for the morning was a 3-4 kg Big Eye Trev, self-released from the straightened hooks as I tried to net it.

I landed 6 fish and dropped about the same number after short fights ending in pulled hooks.

There are still some BIG Bream in the Seaway at the moment, I saw a couple good ones caught. The guys I talked to all had their 5 fish bags. Hopefully next weekends' weather is better and we can venture out for the twice-cancelled club trip.

Till next trip, good fishing.

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### Living in the 1500's

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water..

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying .  
I t's raining cats and dogs.

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house.. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, Dirt poor. The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway.  
Hence the saying a thresh hold.

(Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old..

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat..

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer.

And that's the truth...Now, whoever said History was boring !!! Hope you enjoyed.....I rene

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Roderick Walmsley caught this at the hinze dam  
51cm to the fork bass out of the Hinze Dam. It weighed 2.3kg on the Bogo.



Happy fishing- I rene

## What has The Fishing Party been up to.

While communication may have been a bit thin on the ground recently rest assured that things have been pretty full on with the Fishing Party this year.

One of the major issues that has occupied a lot of time is the re registration of your party prior to the upcoming election. Federal Government legislation deregistered all political parties that did not have a sitting elected member. This has meant that we, like all other parties without a sitting member, are going through the registration process all over again.

Rather than bore you with the bureaucratic requirements for re registration suffice it to say that our party is well underway to being re registered. With all the documentary requirements in order the Australian Electoral Commission gazetted our application on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007. The finalization of the registration should take about a month.

One of the new things for the Fishing Party (QLD) that will come out of this process is a name change to the "Australian Fishing and Lifestyle Party" (AFLP). The background to this decision is best covered in the transcript of an interview by our Chairman, Kevin Collins for one of the regional newspapers on this issue:

**"Where you can camp, fish, ride your horse are some of the issues that concern one of the country's newest political parties.**

**Airlie Beach Businessman Kevin Collins is the chairman.**

**"This is essentially a new brand, owned by the Fishing Party Queensland which has 1200 members," Mr. Collins said.**

**"We started out as wholly fishing focused, but other marginalized people who weren't being heard started coming to us".**

**Campers, four wheel drive clubs, horse riders, trail bike groups, and bushwalkers, there are so many sections of the community that are facing restrictions and access issues."**

**"These are things like beachfront campgrounds being closed down to whack up high rise, and people who can't ride horses in national parks".**

**"Politicians are forgetting that people have lifestyles to enjoy as well" he said.**

**"Theses groups came to us in desperation, because no one was listening to them, and they weren't getting attention from the media".**

**"The party now wields some political clout federally, and claimed 30,000 votes at the last election."**

**"We've moved mountains, whereas three years ago you couldn't the Secretary's tea lady to return a phone call" Mr. Collins said.**

**"It's all about votes, and we are now in a position of strength rather than begging for attention. We have direct access to Senators, and we're in regular discussions with every major political party in the country".**

***Mr. Collins said the party outpolled both the Greens and the Democrats from Mackay north.***

***"That was on the back of no profile, no time and no money" Mr. Collins said.***



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