



GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB



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DECEMBER 2008 - NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER COMPETITION

WINNER

GUY MCCONNELL WITH HIS 36CM WHITING



November Competition

The whiting was caught at flatrock on an incoming tide, using jelly prawns as bait. the rig used was a number 4 ball sinker, 1 meter of trace and longshank number 6 ultra thin truturn hook. the fish was caught by throwing up into about 1 foot of water and let the tide wash the bait over the flat with the incoming tide.



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CLUB DATES

COMMITTEE MEETING	GENERAL MEETING
<u>DECEMBER 4th-7.30PM</u>	DECEMBER 11th 2008-7.30PM
<u>Committee Meeting</u>	<u>Guest Speaker</u> Roderick Walmsley-Barra

Remember our Xmas Party on Sunday December 7th at the Clubhouse, starting 4pm. We need to know immediately who is coming. Adults \$10 per head.



NOVEMBER FISH OF THE MONTH WON BY FAY ROHWEDER

Fay caught this 41cm whiting off the shore at Paradise Point, just to the south of the Ephraim Island bridge. It was caught using soldier crabs as bait, and Fay's outfit of choice was a 10 foot long floppy rod matched with an Alvey, spooled with 6lb mono.



Fishing report from Irene 15th November Whiting Competition

Hi Everyone

Fished the whiting comp in my boat on my own for the first time, took off early morning and made for the Nerang River near the council chambers had decided to fish during the night but thought I might get some in the daytime, thought wrong. There was so much boat traffic, no wonder I like fishing during the week. Only caught the one Tarwhine during the morning so made my way up towards the green beacon and moored away from the channel and got my book out and spent the afternoon reading. Five o'clock came and boats started taking up their positions near the chambers getting ready for the night fishing so I pulled up anchor and made my way down towards the red beacon and got my position. By nightfall there must have been about 30 boats fishing along the strip. We were all moored with enough room for all to fish comfortably but then along came these two guys in there 20's and propped near me and another boat which did not leave much room for me to throw my line. Not only that but they decided to throw their lines out from the side of the boat across my stern, well, they picked the wrong girl here. I threw my line out as usual over their lines and guess what, a mess. I said looks like I have got your lines, what a shame!!!!!!!!! They looked over and said we'll fix it but they had to cut all the lines, then they decided to fish at the back of their boat but left within a few minutes. Some people have got no sense or just could not care a hoot or thought as I was a female on my own they could put it over me, ha, ha, ha, fixed their paddy wagon.

Back to the fishing I sat up all night, had a glass of red and a nice curry then the fish started to bite. I was fishing with yabbies and blood worms I fished the dropoff (thanks to Jamie's advice) and ended up catching 17 whiting plus the tarwhine. They bit on the outgoing and incoming tides. It was a lovely night, the water was like glass and no wind, I will be doing that again very soon but during the week. Here is my catch below, the biggest was 33cm, the rest were all good sizes and very enjoyable. Irene



FISHING REPORT FROM JOHN MORRIS

In early October Graham Kennedy and I fished the Variety Children's Toga on Fly competition held on Borumba Dam. We found the going very tough as we did not catch a fish on either the pre-fish or the

first day of the comp. Graham saved the blushes of the team by catching a 60cm Toga in the last session on Sunday, this fish placed him in third place in the comp, he gained great satisfaction in catching this fish on a yabby/shrimp fly he made himself.

A few of our club members also fished the event, Denis Shaw and Bev Cheffins won the Team event, a well known Fly fisher in the Broadwater area Vince Margrossan came second, and Helen Abdy who writes for Bush and Beach came first.

It was a pleasure to fish this comp, as all anglers were willing to reveal where they had either sighted or caught fish. This was evident on the first day where most anglers met for lunch in the two hour break between the first and second fishing session and discussed what they had seen or where they had caught fish and what pattern of fly they were using. We are looking forward to fishing this comp again.

Graham and I fish Awoonga Dam every year, and this year was no exception, we travelled to Awoonga on Friday 7th November arriving late afternoon. After setting up camp and meeting up with our friends Brian and John from NSW, we were all off for our first fishing session with high hopes. These hopes had faded by early Sunday as we had 4 fishing sessions of 5 to 6 hours for no result, not even a single bite. We had spoken to quite a few fellow anglers who reported the same results or had caught a single fish in x number of days. Our friends Brian and John had also come home with zero results from three nights of all night fishing, although John had jumped a fish off close to the boat.

Late Sunday just before sunset Graham caught the first fish by casting and retrieving a top water lure, walking the lure across the surface of the water a 71cm Barra took a liking to it, this capture lifted our spirits, but by Tuesday morning this was the only fish we had caught.

We had heard of a boat catching 21 fish in a all night session, but we dismissed this as a rumour, until we were at the boat ramp on Tuesday afternoon and I was speaking to a young guy in his skeeter boat who said that they had caught 7 fish and his other friends also in a skeeter boat had caught 11 fish the night before. He also said his friends had caught 21 fish a couple of nights before that. He advised us to fish all the points sitting out about 100mtrs from the shore casting in a circle pattern from the boat and slow rolling the soft plastic back to the boat.

Graham and I had seen these two boats anchored up together on a point the night before so we decided to fish this point that night for our last fishing session. On arrival we anchored up, and within a few minutes the two skeeter boats arrived anchored up two hundred meters away in the same spot we had seen them the night before and started casting. In the next couple of hours we saw them catch 3 barra and lose 2 more before it was too dark to see what was happening.

It was about 7pm when I finally caught my one and only Barra of 88cm, and although Graham and I continued to cast and retrieve our soft plastics until late in the night we could not catch another fish. Brian and John caught two fish that night, John's was a 110cm fish and Brian went one better by catching a 111cm Barra.

Each year we learn something different about the Dam, so hopefully next year we will be better equipped to catch more fish.



John with his Barra



Graham with his Barra

Games Masters Report

By Peter Denaro and Gail Le Masurier

The last two months has had a few changes with the unfortunate resignation of Dan Halls who has a new job taking him away from us. Gail then took on the job as replacement for Dan. Peter tried to take a break from running the comps but with a little persuasion from the committee Peter is back keener than ever. Together we should make a great team and please feel free to come to either one with any queries, concerns or suggestions. We would appreciate any feedback on the comps and any improvements. The club and the comps are very important to us and we really want them to grow and get better each month.

The November comp was a change from the usual lure fishing and we chased whiting. It was a great idea and gave the kids a fighting chance at getting a fish.

We had 12 competitors that put their fish in for the BBQ/Weigh in.

We had a DEAD HEAT of 36cm between Peter Denaro and Guy McConnell. Lucky for Guy he had a slightly smaller handicap than Peter and took out the winning position.

Guy McConnell – November Whiting Competition – WINNER!!!!!!!!!!

Good work Guy and we hope you have a great shopping day at
Logan River Marine Tackle Shop

who do a terrific job with the vouchers and giving our winners a chance to buy some much needed fishing tackle. We had 14 people turn up for the BBQ and we swapped some stories about how the damn fish weren't biting and what bait worked and at what time. Irene who went fishing on her lonesome came in with a photo of a heap of whiting she caught. She had a great night on the water. Good to see the girls getting out there and doing well. Some members caught some vermin such as eeltailed catfish, whopping big stingrays, but also caught was a crab on a whiting hook, some little flatties and a jew but they all made for great stories.

We would love to see people, even if they didn't fish, to pop into the BBQ's and have a yarn with us. It is a great social event to get together and have a free BBQ with people who love fishing. Not everyone can get on the water but don't let that hold you back from having a look and it gives you a great idea of where the fish are biting for the days you can get out.

The Handicap percentages are at

Guy McConnell15% (Winner of Nov Comp – Extra 10% handicap)

Christian Pulvirenti10% (didn't fish Nov Comp)

Paul Harich7.5%

Peter Denaro5%

Dan Halls5% (didn't fish Nov Comp)

J Morris2.5% (didn't fish Nov Comp)

Rob See2.5%



The littlies took the fishing serious and Luke caught 2 legal whiting and a few throwbacks. It was great to see even the young ones getting on the board for the end of year score sheets. His sister Sarah tried everything worms, yabbies, squid, different spots on the boat and still couldn't land a fish. The kids put in remarkable effort and sometimes it does just come down to luck. Better luck next time Sarah.

DECEMBER COMP – INSIDE / OUTSIDE COMP

Friday the 12th 12pm Midnight till BBQ Lunch on Sunday 14th December at 1pm

We shall be fishing an INSIDE / OUTSIDE comp.

Outside target species: Tuna

Inside target species: Whiting and Flathead.

The inside target species comp will be one whiting and one flathead and then we shall combine the 2 lengths. The winner will have the longest (combined) length.

The outside target species comp will be the fish with the longest length.

Please remember to photograph all your fish as you can put your top 5 fish in the book for your end of year results.

RULES: No boundaries and you choose bait, lure, your mums casserole, whatever catches the fish.

The winner cannot win both inside and outside prizes. It gives more people a chance at winning. Maybe even the little juniors could nab a prize.



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THE PRIZE:

Outside Prize: \$150 voucher at Doug Burt's Tackle World

Inside Prize: \$150 voucher at Doug Burt's Tackle World

If **NO FISH IS CAUGHT OUTSIDE** and only the inside fish are at the weigh in then we have decided to combine the winning prize money.

1st \$150 voucher

2nd \$100 voucher (no handicap penalty)

3rd \$50 voucher (no handicap penalty)

So guys get out there for this comp it gives a lot of anglers a chance to pick up some good vouchers to replace all the tackle we loose throughout the year.

Just another reminder to take some happy snaps of you holding up some of your better fish as it may be the winning fish and we would love to use the photo in the newsletter.

-----Explaining the rules, points & handicap system-----

Points: All fish must be legal length to count for comp and end of year point system.

1 point per cm or 10 points per kilo whatever is the greatest plus 5 points for the fish

eg. 1 whiting at 30cm = 30 points + 5 for the fish but because it is a target species for the December comp then it is double points. 1 whiting at 30cm = 70 points. 1 flathead at 40cm = 40 points + 5 for the fish and double for target species for December = 90 points. The total for your 2 fish is 160 points.

You can weigh in 5 fish only 3 of the same species for the monthly comp to count towards your end of year score. They do not have to be target species.

Handicap: Winner is penalized 10% of the overall length or weight of their biggest fish for his/her next comp. Only the winner gets a penalty.

Reducing your handicap: Handicap is reduced by 2.5% after every non-successful comp.

You must fish the fishing comps to reduce your handicap.

BBQ - Weigh In: You or a crew member must attend the BBQ/Weigh in to register your catch for the comp or for the end of year score.

End of Year Score: Target fish for the monthly comps are worth the double points. 5 fish per month with only 3 being the same species. Must be caught at the monthly comps.

Photographs: Could you please bring to the BBQ/Weigh In your photos of your fish. Must be clearly on a ruler.

Vermin: No points for vermin such as sharks and stingrays. Unless it is a specified vermin competition.

With the contestants from the Flathead Classic now being members we have approximately two hundred members in the club which makes us a pretty strong fishing club. Apart from that we also had others come and join us which is great for the club.

Here is a list of websites and phone numbers that might come in useful to you.

- Bureau of meteorology. : <http://www.bom.gov.au>
- Coastalwatch surf cams : <http://www.coastalwatch.com>
- Buoyweather : <http://www.buoyweather.com>
- Fish watch Hotline : 1800 017 116
- SE Qld Boating Weather : 1300 360 428
- Crab Pot Theft Hotline : 1800 017 116

TARGET FISH LARGEST WHITING								
COMP WINNER NOVEMBER GUY MCCONNELL								
GAME MASTERS MONTHLY POINTS REPORT								
NAME	FISH	SPECIES	CM	SPECIES	CM	SPECIES	TOTAL	
Steve McConnell	3	Whiting	31,32,30				186	
Guy McConnell	3	Whiting	36,30,31				194	
Tony LeMasurier	5	Whiting	31,26,24	Jew	47	Bream	28	237
Luke Lemasurier	2	Whiting	23,23				92	
Sarah LeMasurier	0							
Gail LeMasurier	2	Eeltail catfish	32,37				69	
Jamier Farragher	3	Bass	36,32,31				99	
Terry Ryan	3	Whiting	20,21,25				132	
Peter Denaro	3	Whiting	36,36,35	Bream	25	Bream	26	265
Rob See	2	Whiting	24,23				94	
Paul Harich	3	Whiting	34,33,27	Bream	27	Bream	25	230
Irene Robertson	3	Whiting	33,32,32	Tarwine	27	Eeltail catfish	30	251
LISTED BELOW ARE THE YEARLY COMP POINTS TOTALS								
NAME	MONTH	PTS	TOTAL	NAME	HANDICAPS NOVEMBER			
Dan Halls	Nov	0	1101	G McConnell	15.00%			
Mike Halls	Nov	0	680	Rob See	2.50%			
Guy McConnell	Nov	194	1026	Dan Halls	5%			
Steve McConnell	Nov	186	1175	J Morris	2.50%			
Rob See	Nov	94	546	P Denaro	2.50%			
Peter Denaro	Nov	265	894	P Harich	7.50%			
Steve Wilson	Nov	0	215	C Pulvirenti	10%			
Tony Lemasurier	Nov	237	535					
Fay Rohweder	Nov	0	98					
Sarah Lemasurier	Nov	0	35					
Irene Robertson	Nov	251	427					
Jamie Farragher	Nov	99	411					
Paul Harich	Nov	230	651					
Darren Nagorcka	Nov	0	381					
John Morris	Nov	0	331					
Graham Kennedy	Nov	0	293					
Chris Nelson	Nov	0	97					
Christine Hunt	Nov	0	136					
Tracey Memmen	Nov	0	0					
Paul Neilsen	Nov	0	404					
Jake Neilsen (J)	Nov	0	242					
Luke LeMasurier	Nov	92	92					
Gail LeMasurier	Nov	69	69					
Terry Ryan	Nov	50	50					
Corey Tarr	Nov	0	404					
OUR DECEMBER COMP WILL BE OUTSIDE TUNA INSIDE WHITING & FLATHEAD								
SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER & SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER FINISH MIDDAY 12PM BBQ 1PM								

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Tight Lines
Irene