



GOLD COAST SPORTFISHING CLUB



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MARCH 2009 - NEWSLETTER

FISH OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

Thomas Ryan

Fifty Dollar Voucher from
Doug Burt's Tackle World



This flathead was caught in the Seaway around the north wall -broadwater side on a White Gulp Swimming Mullet. Caught on the end of an afternoon high tide and measured 74cm. Well done Thomas.

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CLUB DATES

COMMITTEE MEETING	GENERAL MEETING
<u>MARCH 5TH 7.30PM</u>	MARCH 12TH 2009-7.30PM
<u>Committee Meeting</u>	<u>Guest Speaker</u> Raffi from Tackle World on Mackerel
	<u>6.30PM- BBQ</u>

Unfortunately Mike Halls has retired his position of Vice President and Secretary due to ill health, he will still remain on the committee. We are now looking for nominations for the above positions if you are willing to participate please let us know.

I have a collection of short stories (24) written by Don Woodford past president and founder of this club. I am typing them up to send out to all our members, one each month along with the newsletter, they are good reading, naturally all fishing stories.

GAMES MASTERS REPORT

Peter Denaro

When I first started as game master it was a half day comp either Saturday or Sunday alternating days every month. This did not work because the time frame was too small so we changed it to any part of the Saturday or Sunday ending at 1pm Sunday. Still the time frame was too small by a big percentage of members, this is the feed-back reasons that I have received.

1. Work commitments
2. Family commitments
3. Weather

December and January was a good example weather and commitments were the reasons, so this is why the new comp times has been designed, surely members can afford to find one or more days fishing in the time frame of about 16/19 days fishing in a month and 2/3 hours at our Monthly General meeting.

The competition for March will start Friday 13th the day after our General Meeting; you can fish until the end of the month. The comp will be an outside/inside comp as stated in the newsletter, a colour or number will be picked at the General Meeting to be used as a token for the fish taken for this month and something of that colour or a number has to be used in the pictures taken. ***Weigh-in pictures have to be presented at the following month's General Meeting*** which will start with a BBQ at 6.30pm and winners will be presented with their prize voucher. This should enable more members to fish when they can. Those of you who cannot attend the General Meeting can email Irene on irene@robmcgown.com.au for the token colour to be used for the month. These new comp times are on trial, if you have any suggestions to improve them, please contact us.

The target fish for March outside will be largest spotty mackerel and inside the largest bream.

I will see you at our next General Meeting on the 12th March for the February competition weigh-in. Best of luck.

Peter Denaro

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Please remember to photograph all your fish on a measuring stick as you can put your top 5 fish in the book for the annual comp. If you think you have the winning fish, get a photo of yourself with the fish for the front cover

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.

Please remember that no fish is worth getting hurt or damaging your boat. So please bear in mind that if it is rough outside then we have the option of the inside comp.

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 if you do not present the photo or the fish no prize will be awarded.

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 Old Boating Weather	:	1300 360 428
Crab Pot Theft Hotline	:	1800 017 116

JAMIES FISHING REPORT

Gaday all.

I've been a little pre-occupied lately with home duties and work so the reports have suffered a little. First up as most of you know the Mackerel are here, but not in huge numbers that I can see, you can still bag out as a few guys have. but the mackerel trips that I remember is casting into the froth and hanging on for the run then fight the fish in.

Now you have to be smarter, knowing what lure and how to fish it correctly to get a result.

The same with the bait fishing you can't always just throw a pillie over the side and hope for the best. I can't figure it out yet but we have reports of it being the best Mackerel season in years but here it's same old story, hit and miss trips and you should have been here yesterday.

But I have still got a few. On a few recent trips Peter and myself have fished Mermaid Reef and surrounds for a few nice fish with my best so far being a 1210 Spanish and a 1060 Spottie. Peter's best 1010 Spanish and 980 spottie's.

I haven't caught any on bait yet, I've tried.

Peter and I sat at anchor for an hour and a half burleying for not a touch. Not even a by catch.

My best trip so far 4 fish to the boat and several dropped and bitten off fish.

Lures are proving to be the best method so far, and Skirted lures the stand out option.

All of the big fish I have caught this season have been on brightly coloured skirted lures around the 150 to 170mm size, and trolled from 7 to 12 knots. Hexhead brand trolled quicker and lighter weighted skirts trolled slower.

We have also had a few good sessions casting for them as well but again no cricket scores.

From my point of view while not wanting to sound like a greenie, if I catch 2 mackerel that's a feed for a lot of people or a weeks worth of fish dinners for my family.

At the time of writing this the new green zones have been in force for a few days, I'll endeavour to get the true boundaries for the Curran Cove area by the next meeting.

The Fisheries patrol I spoke to Saturday just gone have said that the boundaries are from the back of the breakers to 2 km out to sea.

There are detailed maps but from a few people I've spoken to the true boundaries are still blurry, and I can see a lot of fisho's getting busted fishing the No Go zones.

Another topic that came up while chatting to fisheries "Cutting the pectoral fins off Spanish Mackerel", they are starting to enforce this rule, they are however being a little lenient at times, but for the sake of a few seconds to dock the pic fin from your catch as it goes into the bin. It could be the difference between a \$400 fine and not.

The young adventurer girl that got in touch with me last month to assist her in gaining one of her last badge's she needs to complete her list of achievements accompanied Candie and myself out the other weekend.

We had a great trip with Aymie hooking up on the first cast of the day, we had planned on casting for Mackerel.

We headed out through the seaway and headed south, at around the wave rider buoy we found a big school of Tuna busting up on the surface. The first cast had Aymie hooked up to a jelly bean Mac tuna. And for the next hour and a half Candy and Aymie caught fish after fish, not big by any stretch of the imagination but great fun for the 2 girls.

We then moved down to Mermaid Reef to have a look there and as it worked out nobody was catching a thing there. Time to move again, this time we headed to Curran Cove the previous Friday a few guys bagged out on spotties there.

I probably should have gone there first up but I had reports from Mermaid from earlier in the week and the report was their on fire at Mermaid.

At Curran Cove there were a few boats running around and we seen a few hook up. The idea was to troll around and see if the spotties would play.

The fish were there but not for me or the 2 girls, the best I got was a follow and a strike at the chrome slug I had cast.

We returned to the ramp at 11:30 with some food for my cats and that was about it.

The girls had fun and that's what mattered on the day.

On the fresh water side of things I had a trip to Hinze dam the other week and broke the normal tradition of heading to the wall end of the dam and I headed the other way, to the back of the dam.

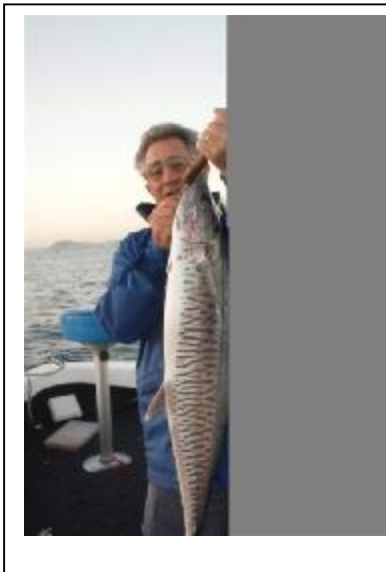
For me that was the right move first cast was rewarded with a 36cm Bass.

I move to a little inflow area and had a cast into about 50cm of water and hooked up solid to a horse of a Bass that went 48cm farther up the back there was a second inflow and casting around this area I hooked up to a second good fish, not as big as the first fish but at 45.5cm still a great fish.

These two fish turned out to be the winning catch for the day. And a record bag of Bass for a Hinze Club day.



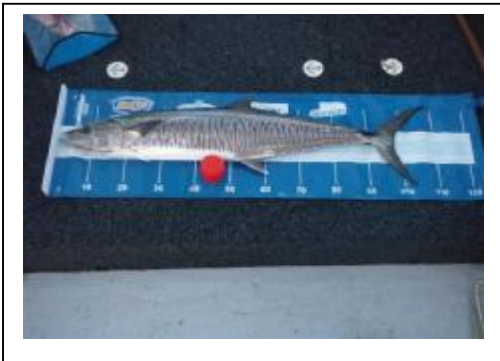
Candie and Aymie



Peter's Mackerel



Jamie's Mackerel





The Gold Coast Easter Classic



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The Gold Coast Easter Classic is a one day teams tournament for bream. It is also aimed at families who want to fish as a team. Fish with your friends and family. It gives Queenslanders a chance to make the

Classic Grand final at the Hawksbury River in November.

All Juniors will go into the Lucky Draw for a Days Fishing with Dizzy Borg from AFC

Teams will be fishing for a bag of 5 bream. The winning team will have the largest bag of 5 live bream. Lure and fly only, cast and retrieve only. Weigh in will be drive through in front of the Fishing Club rooms.

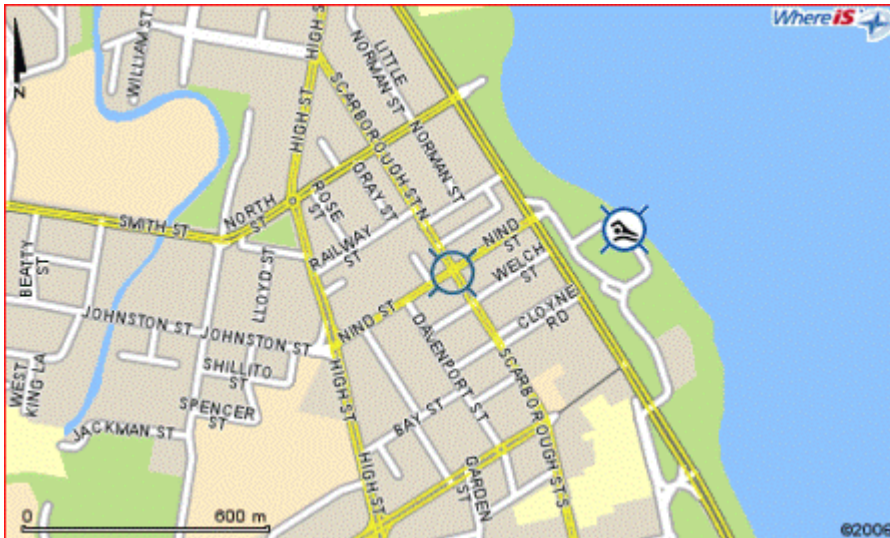
The Gold coast is one of the best venues in Australia for bream as you have the most diverse fishing anywhere in the country with pontoons, bridges, boats, rock bars, natural and man made structure that is home to our hard fighting yellow fin bream.

All within the 5th largest city in Australia.

Whether visiting or local anglers this is an event with a great atmosphere with food and drinks supplied and great prizes its one competition not to be missed.

Date:	Good Friday 10 th of April
Location:	The Southport fishing club Just behind the Southport swimming pool. As per the map below. Or UBD Gold Coast Map 29 H10
Entry:	\$130 per team or \$100 for a team with 1 adult and 1 junior . Adult teams can fish with one junior (2 adults \$130 and 1 junior) as long as the junior is 14years or under. The entry will include lunch and soft drinks
Time:	Sign on from 5.30am. Briefing 6:30am. Any teams that sign on after 6:45 will go to the back of field. Start 7:00am. Finish 2:00pm Start will be random draw.
Weigh in:	From 2:00pm Drive through in front of the Fishing Club
Rules:	As per ABT rules can be found at www.bream.com.au
No Go Zones:	All no go zones same as for ABT rounds on Gold Coast as well as north of a line east to west from the power line just south of the Logan river.
Prizes:	Prizes will be made up of cash and sponsor prizes. All prize winners must be present to receive there prizes.
Contacts:	Stephen Wilson. 0412084867 or email wahoowilson@optusnet.com.au
Sponsor Websites	www.blueye.com.au www.biasboating.com.au www.searingtackle.com.au www.purefishing.com.au www.batterytraders.com.au www.engel.com.au

As per the map below ramp and club house are located next to and behind the swimming pool



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JANUARY COMP WON BY PETER DENARO

NAME	FISH	SPECIES	CM	SPECIES	CM	SPECIES	TOTAL
Peter Denaro	1	Flathead	41				86
Rob See	0	0	0				0

LISTED BELOW ARE THE YEARLY COMP POINTS TOTALS

NAME	MONTH	PTS	TOTAL	NAME	HANDICAPS JANUARY
Dan Halls	Jan	0	1101	G McConnell	15.00%
Mike Halls	Jan	0	680	Rob See	0.00%
Guy McConnell	Jan	0	1026	Dan Halls	5%
Steve McConnell	Jan	0	1175	J Morris	2.50%
Rob See	Jan	0	546	P Denaro	15.00%
Peter Denaro	Jan	86	980	P Harich	7.50%
Steve Wilson	Jan	0	215	C Pulvirenti	10%
Tony Lemasurier	Jan	0	535		
Fay Rohweder	Jan	0	98		
Sarah Lemasurier	Jan	0	35		
Irene Robertson	Jan	0	427		
Jamie Farragher	Jan	0	411		
Paul Harich	Jan	0	651		
Darren Nagorcka	Jan	0	381		
John Morris	Jan	0	331		
Graham Kennedy	Jan	0	293		
Chris Nelson	Jan	0	97		
Christine Hunt	Jan	0	136		
Tracey Memmen	Jan	0	0		
Paul Neilsen	Jan	0	404		
Jake Neilsen (J)	Jan	0	242		
Luke LeMasurier	Jan	0	92		
Gail LeMasurier	Jan	0	69		
Terry Ryan	Jan	0	50		
Corey Tarr	Jan	0	404		

OUR MARCH COMP WILL BE SPOTTED MACKERAL OUTSIDE AND BREAM INSIDE

TIGHT LINES

IRENE