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AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER

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FROM DOUG BURT'S TACKLE WORLD

JULY OUTSIDE COMPETITION
STEVE AND GUY WITH THEIR WINNING
SNAPPER'S

Both snapper were caught off North Straddie in 60 meters of water the larger one 85 cm was caught on a Occy jig and the smaller one was caught on a Zoom 1/2 once head..



Mike Halls won fish of the month with a good Cobia 1.2cm - sorry I do not have a photo to put in the newsletter.

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CLUB DATES

COMMITTEE MEETING	GENERAL MEETING
<u>WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5TH</u>	<u>THURSDAY AUGUST 13TH 7. 30PM</u>
<u>Committee Meeting</u>	<u>Guest Speaker</u> A. G. M.
	<u>6.30PM- BBQ</u>

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2009-2010 WERE DUE 1ST JULY

You can email Irene for membership forms or get them at the next meeting. I will also have Flathead Classic Forms with me.

The A.G.M. will be held on 13th August.

Office bearers will step down and there will be nominations for a new committee. It would be nice to see some new faces elected to help out with the club.

FLATHEAD CLASSIC

The Flathead Classic starts September 30th so don't forget to get your teams in, there are great prizes to be won including a Blue Fin Boat, fishing rods, tackle, ice boxes, etc.

GAME MASTERS REPORT

Peter Denaro

This months comp weigh-in was outside only. Apparently no one fished inside, it was a repeat of last month father and son Steve McConnell the winner with 85cm snapper and Guy in 2nd place with a 56cm snapper, and myself 3rd with a 46cm snapper. This comp is the last comp of the year. The club championship is a father and son achievement, the championship going to Guy beating his dad by a very narrow margin of 22 points, with that amount of points I can't think of a legal fish that would amount to that many points.

Well this my last game master's report, at the AGM in August I will be standing down so if anyone is interested please put your hand up and 2 or more game masters will be welcomed to stand.

If anyone has any comments to improve the comps, please put your hand up at our next meeting.

CLUB CHARTER TRIP

With good conditions it would have been a great day, the crew of the Noosa Blue Water Charters were very professional and if the weather allowed us to fish the wider grounds the results should have been great. We had 2 sickies before we arrived on the grounds so the closer grounds had to be the choice to fish. Mike Halls was the first to start the day off with a nice snapper which was followed by Irene, well she was the surprise of the day. She sat behind the wheel house on an ice box with her back against the wall, rod resting on the gunnels with a 1 ½ oz jig head with the same style plastic all day. With conditions as they were she chose the right spot, where all of us men were down the back trying all different plastics and jig heads. I must have made at least 20 different changes during the day. Jig heads down to ½ ounce. With all of this she out fished the lot of us the only one to bag out on snapper. Would you believe in the morning when we were about to have breakfast before going down to the boat Irene was saying she liked bananas and was taking some on board, we all let her know the story about bananas. She thought we were joking when we convinced her, her reply was I will eat them now, she was then told that they were still coming on board.

The first thing we noticed when we were all aboard on the back of the wheel house wall above where Irene sat all day was in big letters 'no bananas on board', well she did so well with bananas in her system what would she have caught if she had not eaten them.

The biggest laugh of the day was the squirting cuttle fish, it was at the end of the day the skipper and the deckie was cleaning down the boat before we steamed in. They were at the stern and just about to finish when Dan hooked up and brought to the surface a cuttle fish, the deckie netted it and went on to say 'you leave it in the net in the water until it has 3 squirts and it has emptied all of its ink'. Being an ex trawler fisherman many years ago I know it to be different, well after the 3rd squirt he lifted it in. I was watching to make sure the head was not pointing in my direction but at the skipper. The fish let drive with a perfect shot, hit him on the forehead and he must have got ½ cup of ink on his face. The expression on his face was hilarious; he looked like one of the black and white minstrels. All you could see was the white of his eyes and his mouth was wide open with shock letting the ink run into his mouth highlighting the whiteness of his teeth. The deckie reacted to protect his skipper by swinging the landing net away in a ½ circle, by this time the fish loaded up again and let drive, Dan and I were in the half circle, we copped it and that stopped us from laughing any longer.

PETER DENARO



This is a photo of the four caught in the squid ink saga , unfortunately by the time I got my camera out they cleaned themselves up a bit.

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

JAMIE'S FISHING REPORT

Gaday all.

Saturday Past was the long awaited Fishing charter that Mike had organized late last year after a very successful trip he and Dan had on Noosa Blue Water Charters.

9 of us made the trip with Phill Alder having to cancel at the last minute due to sickness.

We drove to Noosa Friday afternoon and most of us stayed at the Royal Mail Hotel a few hundred metres from the Marina. The hotel has good prices for an over night stay, \$40 for a single room, \$50 for a double and \$60 for the family room. The Bistro has good food and atmosphere with reasonable prices.

The only down side of the Pub stay is the Live band that played till midnight, I didn't get a wink of sleep the whole night, Peter said he didn't either, but the Snoring coming from his side of the room said him needing to wear a hearing aid helped him sleep like a baby with flatulence. (Gas)

My trip started badly with me leaving my cold weather jacket at home. I stopped at Davo's bait and tackle and bought a new one.

That cost me an extra \$99 for the trip, the plus side was Chris got me a discount asking if there was any discount for Gold Coast Sport Fishing Club members as we were up here for a charter! Free Hooks for the knife jigs I bought, it was a step in the right direction. At the Hotel when we were paying for our rooms Chris managed to get his room for free.

Irene, Peter and myself paid cash and Chris had to pay via card. He told the guy I have a card, the guy wrote his receipt along with ours, at which point Chris pipes up "who gave you the Penrith watch" to the guy in reception, he added that the team was rubbish and no one would buy it for themselves.

I joked to the guy you should give him the crappiest room for bagging his watch. Anyway as we were getting escorted to our rooms the guy says to Chris you know your room is probably the worst room here, at this point were all laughing and as he opens Chris's room the mouldy smell coming from there was bad. Chris says "is there a discount for a smelly room", the guy says just put the fan on and the smell will disappear. He then showed us to our rooms and said enjoy your stay and left. He never asked Chris for any Money the entire night even though they chatted at different times through out the night while Chris watched the foot ball and cricket on the TV in the Bar.

4 am start Saturday, a quick brekkie get dressed and make our way to the boat.

At the boat we met up with the Captain (Alec) and the deckie (Chucky), with all our gear stowed and us ready to go we had the safety run down and we set off.

The Boat is a 35 foot Cougar Cat with twin 300Hp Suzuki Outboards. Making our way out the Noosa River at 5am, low tide and the last bit of the river just before the bar area we run aground in the main channel. 700 litres of fuel on board and 11 people we all had to move up the Bow while the Captain got us moving again with the twin 300's .

The government has to be more pro active with their maintenance programs the rivers up and down the Queensland Coast should be kept in a useable state, 500mm of water in the main channel is too shallow for a popular fishing area.

The Noosa Bar was flat not even any swell, we headed east for an hour or so in conditions that got worse the farther we ventured out.

Most of us where fine with the rough conditions , 20 knot winds and 2m swells, the forecast was for winds and swell to abate mid morning. The Cougar Cat handled the conditions well, better than some crew. Chris used Travel Calm and Steve used Quell while Candy passed on the offer of sea sick pills, big mistake.

About half an hour into the trip Candy was scared and feeling ill, Steve was getting wet and looking a little ill himself.

We finally got to our first fishing spot 54k's out at the outer edge of the Barwon banks or the Hards as some people know the area as. A couple passes over the GPS mark and anchor up, Steve has his first of many conversations with Ralf over the side.

We all start with 1 Oz jigheads and 5-7" plastics of all colours and brands. This first spot got the ball rolling with a few good fish getting hooked on plastics, this was a good learning curve for me watching the varied styles and technics use by those on board, this is also the first time I've fished plastics at anchor. The fish didn't seem to hesitate when hitting the plastics, from what I can work out if the fish where there they'll hit the plastics and if there's nothing happening there's probably no fish there.

Things went quiet so we moved a few hundred metres and anchored up again, by now Steve is in a pattern getting sick when we move and coming good while at anchor to some degree. Candy is still sick and dieing but hasn't spoken to Ralf yet.

Everyone is in good spirits and enjoying the fishing in the rough conditions spurred on but the Snapper coming aboard.

Chucky the Deckie is taking the piss from Chris wearing army issue Camo wet weather gear, has anyone seen Chris he was there a minute ago, Chris where are you. All colours are getting hits but the Berkley Gulps seem to get more hits than some of the other brands . The gear used by those on board was varied with Chris using 50Lb braid, Steve when he wasn't talking to Ralf fished 40Lb braid most others

used 30Lb braid while I used 17Lb till I had Reel failure after my Second fish. A brand new reel at the start of the trip, Steve loaned me one of his rod reel combo's which I fished the rest of the trip with. We moved again and Steve and Ralf were getting acquainted again, it's interesting how many different colours a person changes when they talk to Ralf. Green , Red, White and sometimes Yellow.

At the third spot the weather has eased a little and the fish are more active with all bar a couple people catching a fish or two.

By now I rene is on fire catching some really good fish, Mike and Dan have caught a few good fish too. Chris has a 76cm Snapper, one just a little smaller and has dropped a few too.

Peter landed a nice Pearly followed by several small squire . Candice is getting a bit better and is persuaded to try to land a fish hooked by Alec the Captain. After a fairly long fight in 70 metres of water she lost the fish without seeing any colour. Chucky the deck hand was showing his style with the plastics landing the first of the Venus Tusk fish that ended up in the fish bin. We got our share of vermin too with Grinners and Sargeant Bakers making an appearance or two throughout the day. We saw whales surfacing and some of use where lucky enough to see one of the whales breach twice, that's the first time I've seen that ever.

We moved one last time and while the weather had eased it hadn't dropped below 10 knots and about 1.5 metres of swell.

This last spot must have been the nursery with lots of small fish and Sea Toads destroying our plastics with only a couple keepers coming aboard. This last spot will stay in everybody's memory for some time with a large Cuttle Fish being hooked and before it was boated Dan and Chucky waiting for it to squirt it's ink before lifting it aboard. It squirted its ink and over the side it comes .

Alec, Chucky and Dan are all looking at the head of the Cuttlefish to see where the jig is, when as it happened the Cuttlefish had more ink in reserve and squirted the three of them in the face and all over the boat. everyone cracked up, the funniest thing I've seen in a while. The days just about at an end we left the Marina at 5 am , it's now 3.30Pm and time for the long trip back. The weather is easing more by now and the return trip is quite bearable Steve how ever is still needing a bucket to cuddle for the trip back. I think everyone had a good trip even with the poor weather conditions, with Club members getting to know each other a little better and to learn from each other the finer points of Snapper on Plastics. We didn't get Cricket scores of fish but top marks to the Captain and the deckie for trying to give us the best trip possible under the given circumstances.

I think these types of trips should be on the Clubs calendar more than once in a blue moon, maybe not to Noosa but from down our way like the Tweed or a little farther south.

I enjoyed myself and learnt something so I think I'm a winner.

Till next report Good fishing

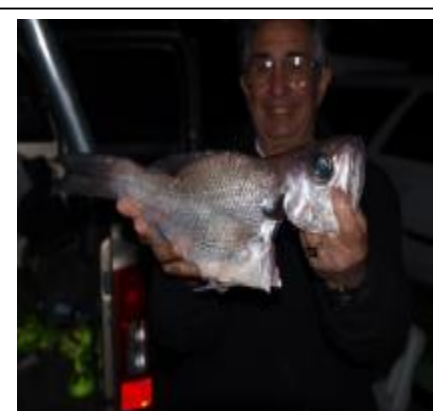
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IRENE AND DAN



MIKE AND CHRIS



PETER



IRENE



JAMIE



SOME OF THE FISH ON THE RULER

JUNE TARGET FISH

LARGEST SNAPPER - 1ST STEVE MCCONNELL

2ND GUY

MCCONNELL

3RD P DENARO

GAME MASTERS MONTHLY POINTS REPORT

NAME	FISH	SPECIES	CM	SPECIES	CM	SPECIES	CM	TOTAL
Steve McConnell	3	snapper	85,45,50	trag	50,58			468
Guy McConnell	3	snapper	56,55,56	flathead	53,51			438
Peter Denaro	2	snapper	46,42					176

LISTED BELOW ARE THE YEARLY COMP POINTS TOTALS

NAME	MONTH	PTS	TOTAL	NAME	
Dan Halls	June	0	1101	G McConnell	15.00%
Mike Halls	June	0	680	J Robinson	10.00%
Guy McConnell	June	438	2668	Dan Halls	5%
Steve McConnell	June	468	2646	J Morris	2.50%
Rob See	June	0	546	P Denaro	15.00%
Peter Denaro	June	176	1941	P Harich	2.50%
Steve Wilson	June	0	415	C Pulvirenti	10%
Tony Lemasurier	June	0	535	Terry Ryan	7.50%
Fay Rhwopoe	June	0	98	Chris Nelson	7.50%
Sarah Lemasurier	June	0	35	S McConnell	20.0%
Irene Robertson	June	0	476		
Jamie Farraher	June	0	622		
Paul Harich	June	0	651		
Darren Nagorcka	June	0	546		
John Morris	June	0	331		
Graham Kennedy	June	0	293		
Chris Nelson	June	0	523.5		
Christine Hunt	June	0	136		
Tracey Memmen	June	0	0		
Paul Neilsen	June	0	448		
Jake Neilsen (J)	June	0	242		
Luke LeMasurier	June	0	92		
Gail LeMasurier	June	0	69		
Terry Ryan	June	0	649		
Corey Tarr	June	0	404		
Jeff Robinson	June	0	240		
Tom Ryan	June	0	646		
Christian Pulvirenti	June	0	416		

**OUR AUGUST COMP- INSIDE LARGEST FISH
OUTSIDE LARGEST FISH**

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