



NEWSLETTER

August 2006

Hi, Gang!

At our July meeting we welcomed visitors **Stuart Pilling** and **Nick Bentley**. We also welcomed new member **Chris Young**. Welcome Chris, we hope you enjoy our merry band of miscreants.

We allocated boats and crews for the Tweed River outing and listed the members who would help with our Junior Coaching Programme at Miami High.

Coaching at Miami High School

With our experience of last year we were a lot more organised this year and the whole thing went very smoothly. We divided the class with one half learning fly tying while the other half came to grips with casting a flyrod. On the third week we met at Lakewoods for the students to try their flies and their newly learned casting skills. We had a really good bunch of students this year and most caught on very quickly. There were no fish caught but a couple of the kids got hits and they all went away happy. Their teachers were very pleased with the lessons and thanked us profusely for our time and effort. We have been invited back for next year and may have a couple of other schools for coaching.

Unfortunately our Tweed River trip did not come off as there were gale force winds. We have postponed the trip to August 20th and hope we have better luck with the weather then.

Annual General Meeting 2006

As there is a bit to get through we would like to start the meeting promptly at 8.00 p.m. The election of officers will be conducted by Brian Kirkley with Bob Knott acting as recorder. Some time will be allocated to discuss our club in general and the way we operate. Should you have any thoughts or suggestions that could improve our club, please put them forward.

There is a fellow travelling about hiring venues and charging admission to view a new flyfishing film. We have access to this great DVD and will show the first part of it for FREE with other sections in later months. Our AGMs are always short and sweet so we will have an open bar and some snacks and plan to make it a very social evening. You are welcome to bring partners or visitors, or if you have a flyrod you would like to show off bring it along and we will do some casting.

We started selling \$5 tickets for our **AGM Raffle** at our July meeting and more tickets will be on sale at our AGM. Prizes will be fly boxes which the winners will fill from the selection of flies submitted to Denis. The first prize will be a Basspro Gold Cup 7wt flyrod provided by **Duncan O'Connell of Fishhead**. Second prize will be a quality flyline. There will be more draws until we run out of boxes and flies.

The winner of our **Fly Tying Competition** will also be announced and the winner will take home the gold vice with a Lefty Kreh original Deceiver in the jaws. We would like to thank **Denis Shaw and Jon Makin** for acting as judges this year. A special thanks to Denis, the winner for the past few years for giving up his chance to compete to be a judge.

President's Report 2006 – Tom Boylan

We have enjoyed a busy and very successful year and I would like to thank and congratulate all who have taken part in your club's activities and can only encourage others to come and enjoy all the things a greater involvement can bring.

Guest speakers

Here we have enjoyed the services of some of Australia's leading fishing personalities. Dave Downie, Dr. Julian Pepperell, Ian Banks, John Schoefield, Steve Kanowski and Rod Harrison

The establishment of our own club website www.seqflyfishers.asn.au is an outstanding achievement due entirely to Evan Evan's skill, effort and dedication. It is slowly getting off the ground and we encourage you to join the forum and take an active part. The establishment of the new Information and Assistance Exchange section will, I believe, become a special part of our club and I would like to thank Chris(Bluey)Pritchard, Glen Court, Duncan O'Connell, Gordon(Low) Low, Thomas Seebach, David Anderson and Geoff (Voltzy) Volter for lending their time and considerable talents as Moderators.

We enjoy large support from retailers **The Fisherman, Doug Burt** and **Fishhead** with discounts on personal purchases and our raffle prizes. We in turn should support them. If it is inconvenient to visit the stores, try a phone call and mail order.

Our Secretary Mark Hosking, Treasurer Mark Miller, Vice President Gary Sheppard and our life member & Publicity Officer Bob Knott are deserving of every respect and gratitude for the successful contributions they make.

We were invited by the Miami High School to conduct a course on flyfishing for year 11 students as apart of their Marine Studies course an invitation that was extended again this year. Thank you to those members who took part the youngsters really enjoyed it.

Other members whose contributions stand out and need not be identified by their deeds are Glen Court. Thomas Seebach, Don Nash, Brian Kirkley, Dennis Shaw. These and others are the strong, stable legs upon which the SEQ Flyfishers conveys itself.

We launched the Gold Coast Flyfishing Convention in October and produced an excellent show with accolades coming from many quarters. The result of this favourable publicity has had a number of new distributors apply for exhibition space this year. We will have all the major flyfishing tackle, flytyers and personalities in Australia attending this year. I strongly urge you to register early; this will be lots of fun, an event to remember and possibly the last for a while.

Another initiative was launched this year, our Newbie's nights run by Thomas Seecatch where newcomers to our sport or old hands in need of re visiting the basics are coached in all aspects of flyfishing. The first few nights, held on the first Tuesday in each month, have been well attended and appreciated by participants.

Congratulations are due to Gary Sheppard our 2005 Angler of the Year, Dennis Shaw Champion Flytyer 2005 and Don Nash who was awarded the Club Member of the Year Trophy for 2005.

Finally I would like to acknowledge you all for the support, tolerance and patience you have extended to me. It has been a great year. THANK YOU

Secretary's Report 2006 – Mark Hosking

Well another year has come & gone. The financial year 2005 – 2006 has been without doubt our most successful. We have enjoyed a good growth in our membership and just as importantly have seen most members from last year stay active in the club. The Gold Coast Flyfishing Convention that we held in October last year was a huge success and this together with the schools program has greatly enhanced the public profile of the SEQFFC. These activities are not possible without the input and assistance of you, our members and for that I thank all of those who have contributed in any way during the year. This year we face the challenge of running the Convention again so we will again need the help of every member to ensure that it is a success.

Quite a few of our members have travelled far and wide this year to attend events or competitions. This has increased other's awareness of our Club not to mention the many friends and contacts that have been made.

There are not many recreational pursuits that seem to have the type of welcoming atmosphere that flyfishing has. Where else can you by means of email or Forum post let someone know your visiting their part of Australia and before you know it you have an invite to fish or to catch up for a drink from someone you have never personally met. With this in mind I have attached an extract from a post from the Australian Saltwater Flyfishing Forum. This quote comes from the Atlantic Salt Water Flyrodders.

“We really don't know why the phenomenon of sharing and camaraderie exists so strongly in our sport, but that it does is self-evident. For wherever saltwater flyrodders meet, be it bay, surf, or ocean, strangers become friends and the knowledge of our sport grows. It was these selfless principals that have given us our beginnings and, above all else, it is these principals that we support”

This is what the ATLANTIC SALT WATER FLYRODDERS is all about.”

I like to think that this is what the SEQFFC is about as well.

Treasurer's Report 2006 – Mark Miller

Our financial status for June 30th 2006 is the best we have ever been for any previous financial year. Our finances have been improved by the success of our Convention in October 2005 and enabled us to purchase our own Audio Visual equipment. This asset will continue to benefit our club well into the future. We have already enjoyed having the convenience of viewing DVD's (flyfishing content only of course!) during our monthly club meetings this year.

As an outline our club relies very much upon membership fees and monthly raffles to contribute to the cost of club insurance and the funding of monthly BBQs and refreshments and accommodation cost when required. Combined revenue from memberships and raffles is approximately \$2800 so it is vitally important to pay annual memberships and purchase raffle tickets and fish the monthly trips as frequently as you can.

If you want more details about our financial position please see me at our AGM.

Bribie Island Trip in November

Shaun Connolly has suggested that we make the trip a “Meet and Greet” and invite flyfishers from wherever. He has put a notice in Nat Bromhead’s forum and this will be a great time to get together with guys from other clubs. This will be a great outing.

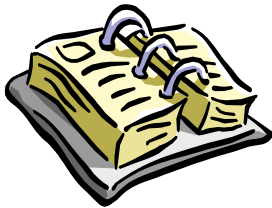
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On our web site there is a link to **The Fisherman** along with other club supporters. The Fisherman site has a wealth of information on local fishing, tackle deals, weather, current reports etc. and includes a click on box for “fishing bloopers” and if you haven’t yet seen it this production it is well worth a look, action worthy of a dozen \$5 Russell Coight awards. I understand that a new one has been produced but I’ve not yet seen it

Quote of the month: Time is a great teacher, but unfortunately it kills all its pupils.
Louis–Hector Berloiz

Tight Lines and bent rods!
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Coming Events



NEXT MEETING:

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 15th August - 7.30 p.m.
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,
9 Markeri Street
Mermaid Beach

NEXT FISHING TRIP:

When: 20th August
Where: Tweed River
Fingal Boat Ramp
Target: Flathead/Bream
BBQ: 11.00 am (Approx)

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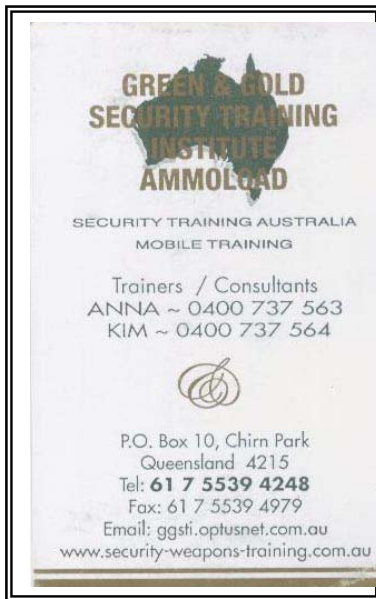
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