



NEWSLETTER

November, 2003

Hi, Guys and Gals!

Our November meeting was well attended. We welcomed two visitors from the South Brisbane Sportfishing Club, **Chris Eldred and Darren Baker**. It was great to have them join us. **Rob Faulkner, Ester Slee and Beverly Chiffens** also visited but Ester and Beverly decided to join our gang of miscreants, so we have two new female members...we need more!

We have another new member we would like to welcome, Mark Blenkarne. Here are the new members' details. Add them to your lists, but we will have a new list out by the end of the year.

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Important Notice!

Some members have still not paid their annual dues which were payable some 5 months ago. Those members who are not financial by our December meeting will be removed from the membership list and will no longer receive our newsletter. Any member, who does not pay his or her dues by that date, will have to re-join the club and pay the joining fee as well. If you can't get to the next meeting, you can send a cheque to:

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The main business of our November meeting was to nut out our fishing calendar for 2004. The following is what we came up with although we hope to get the dates finalised at our Dec. meeting:

January – Clarrie Hall Dam – Bass

July – T.B.A

February – Borumba – Saratoga

August – Tweed River - Bream

March – Mooloolaba – Tuna

September – Jumpinpin - Flathead

April – Nerang River – Night Bream trip

October – Ebor - Trout

May – Uncle Billy’s Retreat – Trout

November – Robina Lake - Bass

June – The Seaway – Tailor

December – Nerang River – Night Bream

As you can see, we haven’t worked out what to do in July, so bring your suggestions to the next meeting. This schedule is only provisional; we may change dates or venues according to weather or the conditions of the waterways.

Hinze Dam Trip, Nov 16th **Tom Boylan**

Twenty three members fished this morning and eighteen attended the breakfast. Brian Kirkely and John Foy did not fish; Brian, because he had packed his tackle for N.Z. and did not want to get it “dirty” in our drinking water, John because his shoulder is not yet up to fishing. They made the trip up to the dam simply to cook our breakfast, a much appreciated act of devotion. Foysey prepared the bread and buttered most of it on both sides – he is always a class act!

The morning was full of pleasant surprises with Barbara Demaio, Annette Court and Loretta Seebach arriving with their kids. The youngsters were delighted when our newest member, Nigel Wylie produced balloons and twisted them into poodles, elephants, giraffes and other animals. He didn’t blow them up but used a small pump! This is a fully professional outfit, “**Nigel the Balloon Animaliser**”. Next time he promises to do it in a clown suit, on stilts!

The fishing...Well I didn’t get any in spite of fishing with Des Charles who got 3. Others were more successful and a complete tally follows. This venue is always popular with our members and I think we should include a summer afternoon trip in our calendar.

Hinze Dam Bass Results

	Fish and size	Total Points Scored
Rick Slennett	38, 38, 40cm	266
Mark Hosking	39	89
Glenn Court	31, 30, 35, 34, 39, 31, 35, 32	667
Mikey Bell	36, 35, 33, 35, 35, 32, 40, 30	676
Steve Routleff	42, 38, 36, 33	349
Drew Griffith	39	89

For the information of new members, the points are awarded as 50 points for each fish caught of the nominated species, 1 point per each other fish, and 1 point per cm. per fish caught. These points are accumulated during the year and the member with the most points becomes the Fisherman (or Fisherperson) of The Year. This year the keeper of records is Mikey Bell, so if you have any corrections to your score, contact him.

A Trip to Uncle Billy's Retreat

Bob Knott

Early in November I went to Uncle Billy's with a couple of old friends, Dieter Schuster (with whom I have fished trout over the past 10 years, and known for much longer), and George Steele. I have known George for 35 years and worked with him for years in the animal business. George had fished for trout in his youth, and has caught Dolly Varden, Brook Trout, Rainbows, and Cutthroat...but he had never caught a fish of any sort on fly. About a month before we left, I gave George a couple of basic casting lessons, and he attended our casting night with Peter Hayes. During that month, George borrowed a rod from me and practised every morning. I must say he could cast a decent fly by the time we got to Uncle Billy's!

Bill and Sue Atkins showed us their usual superb hospitality on arrival, taking care of our every need. For those of you who have not been there, this is laid back fishing! Bring you tucker and beverages of choice (and of course your fishing gear) and everything else is provided; comfortable cabin, cooking and barbeque facilities, hot shower, flush toilet...the works!

We had a lot of action although there was not a hatch on when we were there. We caught a number of fat, rainbows ranging from 40-45cm...not huge fish but nice ones. All but one of these was caught on small nymphs or emergers. We lost quite a few fish we thought were firmly hooked and (we thought) well played. Our thought was that they might have had torn mouths from treble hooks. When we relayed this thought to Sue, she said that although lure fishing is currently allowed there, they were thinking of making the resort fly-fishing only.

George was stoked to catch his first trout on fly; he went on to catch more but I'll bet he will never forget the first one! I think he is hooked.

For a relaxed and comfortable couple of days trout fishing I cannot recommend Uncle Billy's highly enough. For more information about the place visit their website: www.unclebillys.com.au



New member, Mark Blenkarme has told me that he went to Dinner Flat during the time we cancelled our trip there and had some good fishing. He knows the owner and can find out when hatches are on. This might be a trip worth looking at in the coming year.

Another possible venue

Mike Halls recently returned from Mondurran Dam, where he fished with a number of Gold Coast Sportfishing Club members. No Barramundi were caught and the feeling was that the water was still a little cold to promote activity.

On the way home he and his son, Dan, stopped at **Aussie Fishing Park** at Bli Bli, just north of Mooloolaba. This is not the place we fished a couple of years back when the weather blew out our Tuna Chase, but another one.

Although it was the middle of the day, they caught a number of fish, on fly, around 60cm and claimed they were fast, fit and strong (the fish that is). The pondage covers 16 hectares and apparently holds some quite large fish including jumbo Jacks!

The proprietor told Mike that the afternoon into evening is the absolute best time and offered a discount to our club together with the use of the barbeque facilities.

This might prove a good kick-off to our Tuna visit with the Saltwater Flyfishers at Mooloolaba. We could gather there on Friday afternoon and straighten our tackle out for the weekend. Alternatively you might want to make a family trip sometime. They can be found on the net at: www.aussiefishingpark.com or phone 54448-7514.

December Outing – One Fly Event

Our next outing is at “**Spot X**” which is at Lakewoods, just above where 19th Ave. meets Currumbin Creek Rd. The idea is to use one fly pattern, in one colour, on one size hook. You can bring as many of these as you wish, but all the fish you catch must be caught on the same fly. You can fish morning, afternoon or both, and we will have a sausage sizzle when it gets dark.

Through his vast imbroglia of international contacts, Tom has secured 2000yds of “Vanish” Fluorocarbon for just \$70! It is in 10lb test and perfect for twisted leaders or tippets. 50yd spools of this material retail for \$21 so that would make 2000yds worth \$840. Tom will break it down to 100yd spools for our raffles over the coming months. If you are lucky enough to win two, please choose another prize to give others the opportunity.

Fly Tying Night Thomas Seebach

On November 7th the club held a fly tying night hosted by Shaun Ash. The venue was the Info Services Building at the Coombabah State High School. The room was a great place to hold a fly tying night with good lighting and plenty of seating. 8 or 9 members came along with fly vice and tying material in hand to see how Shaun tied 3 particular patterns, a Surf Candy, Gartside Gurgler and a Skinners Shrimp. Shaun took us through each pattern step by step and it was amazing how easy it really is to tie when shown the right way.

A few beers, a good chat, a laugh and everyone walked out well informed and with new tricks up their sleeves and keen to tie more flies.

For those of you that missed out, I believe that Shaun has offered to come back at a later date so make sure you come along next time for a great night.

Special thanks goes to Shaun Ash for making the trip down the coast and also to Gary Sheppard who organised Shaun, the venue and the whole night.

Gary was able to tape Shaun tying the flies during the night; anybody wanting a copy can bring a blank videotape to our next meeting.

Quote of the month:
Never play leap-frog with a unicorn!

Tight Lines and bent rods!

Your Scribe
Coming Events



CASTING ARVO

**Sun. 7th December Pizzey Park, Miami
1:30pm**

NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday, April 16th - 7.30 p.m.
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

**NEXT CLUB
FISHING TRIP:**

**Sat. 20th December (Any time Dawn to dusk)
Location – Lakewoods
Target – Anything as long as it is on one
Fly!
B.B.Q Around Dusk**


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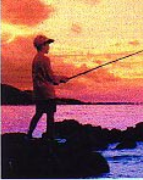


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