



NEWSLETTER

September, 2004

Hi Gang!

September Outing

Our September trip was to Jumpin pin for Flathead. We couldn't have picked a better day so far as the weather was concerned. There was little wind and although a bit brisk at first, the day warmed up quickly. Quite a few small Flathead were caught, but only two scoring fish: Denis caught a 44cm Flattie and Don Nash caught a 30cm Flounder. Allan Johnson caught a Flounder a bit smaller, but it was his first saltwater fish on fly! Congratulations, Allan, you have now well and truly joined the club!

Membership

As you all know, annual membership fees were due at our AGM which was in August. Some of you have not gotten around to dealing with this as yet. It is not difficult; you can send a cheque to us to:

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Or come to the October meeting either with the readies or your plastic...yes we will be able to take credit cards by then (or so I am assured by our noble Treasurer).

Big Note!

After the October meeting, the new membership list will be drawn up. If you have not paid your dues, your name will not be on it and you will no longer receive this wonderful newsletter. On top of that, you will be required to cough up the \$30 joining fee to be a member again! We have a great club going, guys and gal. Let's dig in and keep it that way!

Our September meeting was really good! We welcomed three visitors: **Paul Goodey, Geoff Volter (World Champion....Longtail that is), and Kerry Mitchel**. Thanks for coming, guys; we hope you enjoyed our little band of miscreants.

There is still a chance to sign up for our trip to **Uncle Billy's** on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of October. We have eight people coming so far, so there is still room for a few more. If you want to go and have not signed up, ring Tom Boylan.

We have decided on an alternative trip for October; this will be to Moreton Bay to target pelagics of any sort. There have been good schools of Mack Tuna around, so we could be in for some fun. The outing is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 24th. We will launch at Victoria Point. We will pair up boats with passengers at our October meeting. After the fish we will retire to Duncan's shop to check it out. We will not have a barbeque after the trip due to the long way most of us have to drive back.

Mike Halls brought along a great video of Tom Evans catching his record Stripped Marlin on fly. He went out of Port Stephens with Dean Butler and his experienced crew. From the video we could see that the main elements required to catch a world class marlin on fly are skill, a good, competent crew, a great skipper, and very deep pockets!

Tin Can Bay Longtails By Glenn Court

The idea for a trip to Tin Can Bay chasing Longtail Tuna came about after talking to Steve Dahl from the Sunshine Coast Flyfishers at the Flyfishing Expo in Melbourne (long way to go to talk to someone who lives 2hrs away). Steve was lamenting at what an ordinary Tuna season it had been whilst Mario and I were lamenting the fact that we hadn't caught a Longtail. A few beers later the seed was sown when Steve told us a story about the time he and a friend hooked 40 Longies in a session at Tin Can Bay last September. Back home I scanned the calendar for a free weekend but most had something to stop me from getting away, the only hope was the Friday show holiday, at close to 4 hrs each way it was going to be a bit of a mission for one day but these are the things we do for a fish. I had organised to fish with Matt Quinn (Quinny) from Brisbane and when I told Mario of my plans he soon had Jon Makim lined up for the Assault. The plan being to drive up after work on the Thursday, camp at the boat ramp, fish all day Friday and drive home Friday night. I got a phone call from Steve on the Wednesday night saying he had heard through the fisho's grapevine that we were off to Inskip the next day and did we mind if he and Nat Bromhead from Saltwater Flyfishing Adventures tag along, now as well as being good Tuna chasers these guys are good drinkin company so there were no protests from us.

After all meeting up out on the highway we arrived at Tin Can Bay boat harbour at about 9.30pm which conveniently has a lovely park right next door where we proceeded to have a few cold beers and more than a few laughs before rolling out the swags for some sleep.

Friday dawned clear and calm as we put the boats in the water for a smooth 5km run to the area inside the Wide Bay Bar. With no apparent surface or Bird action we all spread out over a few Kms to try and find some activity. After a couple of hours of searching we decided that there had been enough signs to suggest that the tuna would make an appearance at some time and that we should take a run up to Gary's Anchorage some 20km's up the Sandy Straits and fish the snags for a while. Well I think we made about 1km before Steve's boat veered off course with Nat up the front pointing madly at some birds, then my crew Quinny started to do the same dance up the front of my boat. After about an hour of following these fish with only a few shots at them for no takers we decided that they still were not feeding seriously and we should carry on to the anchorage for a look and a bite to eat. Whilst having some lunch and a chat Quinny managed to nail one of Hervey Bays prized Golden Trevally, only problem was it was about 10 cms long.



Lunch over we headed back down the straits to see what the Tuna were doing.

This time we all went our separate ways with Mario and Jon staying to the North, Steve and Nat heading to the south with Quinny and I in the middle. After searching around for a while Matt and I finally found some fish which we must have got at least 8 to 10 really good shots on but they just did not want to play the game with us. Mario and Jon caught up with us a while later to report that they had 2 hook ups each for no fish, both learning that 8 weights and light tippet are no match for spool emptying Longtails. We caught up with Steve and Nat to find out they had 6 hook ups for 4 fish all around the 10kg mark. Nat was amazed at

steves ability to land a Longtail in about 4 minutes flat(10-11# locked drag,13kg tippet)Steve's motto "why fight em for 20 mins when you can catch another one" .



The fish the boys found were feeding hard along a drop off at the mouth of Kauri Creek.Now with no more fish to be found feeding it was decided to head back to the ramp for our long drive home.4 hours later I was pulling into my driveway at home,totally knackered but willing to do it all again next weekend(only my wife wont let me,something about family time and lawns needing mowing).



Now while my Longtail virginity remains intact this was by no means a dud trip for me,any time you are on the water with fisho's that have some runs on the board can only shorten your learning curve,listen to what they say,look at their tackle set up,watch their boat handling ie approaching fish etc and your fishing will benefit from it.Just being in an area where you have sea turtles and sea snakes swimming around your boat,Osprey's and Sea Eagles flying over head and Dingoe's coming down the beach to check you out has to add a couple of years to your life.Get out there and experience it.

Cheers
Glenn

Photo's by Nat Bromhead

A Casting Day with Shaun Ash **by** **Bob Knott**

The Southeast Qld Flyfishers were indeed fortunate to have a casting day with **Shaun Ash** this September at Pizzie Park, Miami, on The Gold Coast. We had spread the word and about 25 eager members and guests, casters (or soon to be casters) arrived just after 10 AM. Shaun has been great support for our club, coaching us in fly tying, Trout strategies, fighting big pelagic fish, and casting.

On this Sunday we were lucky to have pretty good weather with only a slight breeze, which gradually picked up but just made our lesson more interesting. After all, the wind is usually blowing when we are fishing so we may as well learn in the wind. Shaun was faced with the daunting task of trying to teach a bunch of people who varied from raw beginners to reasonably competent casters and every stage in between! He managed wonderfully, moving from one student to the next, all the while looking for flaws in the efforts of the ones he had just helped. "Back off on the Viagra, Bob! You only need half that effort. What's with the windscreen wiper, Bev? Watch your loops! Damian, you're punching again! Keep those elbows tucked in, Brian! You look like a chook trying to take off" He could be heard alright!

After a good morning session, we adjourned for lunch of hamburgers and sausages on rolls, ably cooked by our own Brian Kirkley. We washed these down with beverages of choice and set out once again. By now the event had turned into quite a family outing with wives and offspring arriving to join in.

Shaun had rigged a hoop about 50cm in diameter on a stand which held it about 1 ½ m above the ground. We were told to try to shoot the loop of the fly line through the hoop! By this time the wind had picked up to make the task even more difficult. I can tell you, it is one thing to send your fly through the hoop and quite another to manage loops small enough to send through!

Another little exercise was a card table sitting there on the grass. The idea was to send a cast under it. This is great practice for getting a cast under those low hanging branches to the feeding trout underneath. The good thing about practising with a card table is that it doesn't eat flies like those trees do!

By the end of the session, not a single person could say his or her casting had not improved. We all benefited greatly from the day, and we are all grateful to Shaun for generously sharing his experience and time with us.

Thanks, Shaun!



Next month's guest speaker will be **Duncan O'Connell**. Duncan has opened a fishing shop, **fish head**, at Redland Bay, and is going heavily into fly gear! He will give us a talk on fishing Moreton Bay which should be interesting.

Quote of the month: Careful planning will never beat dumb luck!

Anon

Tight Lines and bent rods!

Your Scribe

Coming Events

CASTING ARVO

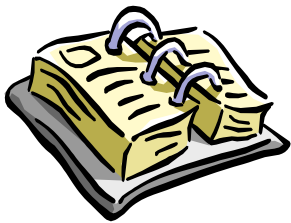
Casting cancelled this month

NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday, Oct 19th - 7.30 p.m.
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

NEXT CLUB FISHING TRIP:

**Sun. 24thth October
Location –Moreton Bay
Target – Pelagics
Time: Daybreak, Victoria Point**




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