



# NEWSLETTER

April 2009

## *Greetings, Gang!*

We are pleased to welcome new member **Julian Knight** into the fold. Glad to have you aboard Julian.

The weather has not been too kind to us in South East Queensland. We hope that things will clear up and we can get out there and chase some fish! I know there are some Longtail's that need to be caught.

As most of you know, our website was set up by Evan Evans and has been maintained by his ever since. We owe him a vote of thanks for all his hard work and dedication. He has recently streamlined our format and it really looks good. Some changes need to be made to make it more user friendly. Here are some suggestions from Tom.

## *Website update*

### **HEADINGS**

MEETINGS rename to "MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS"

CONVENTION out of date and can be handled under upcoming events with past reports and pictures.

Replace with

"MEMBERSHIP DETAILS"

The club offers two styles of membership; Full Member receives all entitlements including insurance and is allowed to vote on all issues brought to them. Joining fee \$30 Annual fee \$50.

Associate Member designed for those living beyond 100 km of the meeting place.

Receives all benefits newsletter, insurance etc. but is unable to vote on club matters

Joining fee nil Annual fee \$10. Application forms may be down loaded here:

Forums, Links, Photo Gallery, Current Newsletter, Newsletter archives, Tides

To remain as is

FLYTYING	*	
FISHING TACKLE	*	These have attracted very little usage and
FLYCASTING	*	I suggest that we remove them and replace
KNOTS & RIGGING	*	with a single all encompassing heading
PHOTOGRAPHY	*	
SALTWATER FISHING	*	

Forum Departments, SEQ General, Club Outings, Who is catching What, Fishing Stories

To remain as is

## NEW HEADINGS

### TACKLE AND TACTICS

Forum to discuss rods, reels, lines, bags, clothes, hats and anything else we use together with best methods, hints, knots etc.

### FLYTYING

Equipment & materials what they do, where to get them and how to use them

### BUY SELL OR SWAP

List your needs or product here and ask for offers. Replies or offers can be handled through personal message if you wish.

### FISHING PARTNERS

Planning a trip or a day out, apart from club trips, and would like company?  
List it here.

If anyone has other ideas please bring them up.

### *Upcoming Meetings* – Tom

I have organized the following and hope that you will attend and take part.

#### Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>

Our guest speaker will be Tim Simpson editor of Blue Water Magazine

Tim is one of Australia's most accomplished game fishermen holding a number of Australian and world records.

His presentation will be on sportfishing opportunities in the South Pacific. Whilst not flyfishing specific, Tim's fishing travels throughout the area will provide some exciting and informative entertainment.

#### Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>

Tonight we are holding a flytying night where all members are encouraged to enter. Equipment, materials and tuition will be available. The results will be entries in our annual flytying competition. Two flies will be entered a saltwater fly and a freshwater fly of any kind and entrants classified into A and B sections. This is to give those highly skilled the opportunity to enter without disadvantaging those less qualified.

We ask that if you are able to pre-tie your entries to do so prior to the meeting and devote yourself to helping others on the night.

“A” class entries will be placed in numbered blue envelopes and “B” class in white these will then be mailed to Gavin Platz who will pass judgment and declare winning numbers which we can relate to a list of names.

All entries will form part of our raffle prizes drawn at the AGM when competition winners will be announced and rewarded.

“A” class are identified as Jon Makim, Gordon Low, Denis Shaw, Paul Goodey, Vince Margossian, Thomas Seebach and any others that are brought out of the closet.

## ***Interclub Challenge***

Tom Boylan recently received this letter from the Sunshine Coast Fly Club.

Hi Tom,

Its Stuart Davis from the Sunshine Coast Fly club here. In your newsletter we noticed it was suggested to do a trip to Inskip in June. At our last meeting it was suggested to look into doing a joint fish and maybe turn it into an annual interclub event.

We currently have a club fish planned for June 20th and 21st that can easily become a trip to Inskip. We could staying at the caravan park at Tin Can (easy walk to the pub for tea.) We could get a trophy made up (around very simple rules) that is handed to the club that catches the most fish each year.(our boys seem to go better when there is hardware to aim for at the end) We want to keep it simple so there is nothing hard about doing it and nothing major to organise. If you're keen let me know. Who knows a group of Brisbanian's could get a group together and make it a 3 way challenge....

Stu

## ***Maroon Variety Children's Bass On Fly Competition*** – Norm Good

Well it was fine Friday afternoon when I rocked up to Lake CampFire awaiting my trusty deckie Master Goodey...where are you master Goodey? Anyway, he finally arrived after deciding to ignore his Tom Tom which was trying to convince him that he should be off Bribie Island somewhere.

After setting up camp in 5 minutes flat (Paul and his bloody "Speedy Tent", but more on that later) we put in to have a look around only to find Rick and Deano trying to be inconspicuous in a little bay.

"Anything around Rick?" I said.

"Nah mate, buggar all", replied Rick.

"Then what are all those lines on you incredibly large and colour sounder?" I replied to his reply.

"Sensitivity too high I reckon", came a rather cheeky reply.



Anyway, Paul and I had a few casts got a few boils when the sun went down but not much else.

Met up with the gang back at camp. A bunch of SEQFF 's were there and also some sunny Coast guys which was great; Snow, Dazz, Squiz and Scoota. As usual Judy and Kerry put on a yummy dinner which went well with Paul's Merlot!!

A 4am start the next morning was met with utter disdain from myself after Paul's bloody Merlot, Deano's G&T and my bloody amber. But a few pills and a Vince special brew and we were off. Great mornings fishing, with Paul keeping the team together with 6ish legals, whilst I considered whether to donate last nights dinner and breaky overboard, and even managed to donate some flies kindly given to me from Denis to the shrubbery. And he even willingly offered to man the leccie for me...what a guy!!! Lines in at 11am and time for a bit of lunch (thanks again Judy and Kelly) and strategy and listen to the morning exploits of Denis and Vince.



The arvo session saw me finally contribute to the team with a few legals. The comp was set up so that we could get an evening surface bite but it never seemed to happen for us. However, Paul did manage to latch on to a monster with a near perfect execution of the strip-strike, and fish into the boat in the one movement (yes it was slightly on the small side of tiddler..).

Anyway, weigh in saw Rick and Deano out in front, they had a blinder of a day with some big fish amongst their considerable tally. Graeme Richardson only caught 5 fish but they were stonkers (between 36-38cm) and had him right up there.

After a cracker dinner, with Vince making sure the cooks were well looked after





The mob from the Mallard and Claret came up for a social chat and also give us Maroon tips 'n tricks.

As we have opposing thumbs and of much higher intellect than your average pond slime, we should have gone to bed early....d'oh. (No, no belly button fluff there..)



After engaging the Sunny coast boys in a raging argument that "Southern" Bass might be small but they are \*devious and cunning bast#\$s and graciously accepting their imported beer for my bits of wisdom, I went to bed...yay.

The next morning we got up at a leisurely hour...slept in, raced down a coffee and off we went. We went back to a bank we found the day before that had fish and quite a bit of weed that dropped off into 20 feet of water. Again the surface bite early on was pretty average so Paul and I went for the deep fly approach which paid off but not enough to get anywhere near Rick and Deano.

Final results were Deano, Rick S, myself, Graeme Richardson and Denis, with Rick and Deano as Champion Team.



Once again Jeremy, Judy and Kerry did a great job of organising, catering and running this event for a worthy cause.

Finally time to pack up a go home.

“You ready Paul?”

“Yeah give me sec, just packing up my “Speedy Tent””.

“No worries mate.”

.....”ARE YOU READY PAUL!!!!”

“\*Yes I said, I’m just packing up my “Speedy Tent”!!!..... Err, can you give me hand mate”.

Note:

\*All character slurs and lies were accurate at time of printing.

### ***Next Club Outing***

Our next outing will be to **Uncle Billy’s Retreat** on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> of May. Uncle Billy’s has comfortable cabins supplied with everything including towels and bedding. Just bring food and drink.

*Ever wondered what our esteemed treasurer does when he relaxes?*

Cuban Cigars & Bourbon!!!



### *The Dial Bach Fly*

This is a fly Dieter Schuster introduced to me several years ago at Uncle Billy's. Year after year it has proved to be the most productive fly we have tied. It is easy to tie and must be fished slowly.

Hook: size 14

Base: Red thread

Tail: Sparse, short pheasant tail only 3 to 4 mm in length.

Body: Single wrap of peacock herl.

Tying instructions: Wrap the hook from the eye to the bend with red thread. Tie in a few bits of pheasant tail and one peacock herl. Run the thread of to the eye of the hook and wrap the Peacock herl along the shank to the eye but leaving room for a head of red thread. Tie off.

The important thing in fishing this fly is that it must be allowed to sink and the retrieved very slowly, only a cm at a time with pauses every once in a while.



***Quote of the month:***

I had some words with my wife and she had some paragraphs with me.  
Sigmund Freud

***Tight Lines and bent rods!***  
***Scribe***

**Coming Events**



**NEXT MEETING:**      **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May- 7.30 p.m.**  
**Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,**  
**9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

**NEXT FISHING**  
**TRIP:**                      **2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Uncle Billy's**  
**Target - Trout**

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