



# NEWSLETTER

August 2007

*Hi, Gang!*

At our July meeting we welcomed guest, **Darren Eggington**. We also welcomed new member, **Jon Burgess**. Welcome aboard Jon!

This was the last chance to enter flies for our annual tying competition. Unfortunately only six entries were received. Surely we must have more fly tiers than that.

We had a brief discussion about our evening fish at the Seaway, the results of which were underwhelming. The Somerset dam trip proved to be a great social weekend, but **Paul Goody** was the only one to score a Bass. Gary Sheppard suggested we have more weekend trips to dams as there are a lot of productive spots out there that we have not yet explored.

Jeff Christoffel volunteered to put together DVDs of trips members send to him for a club DVD library. We have a lot of great times on our club outings; it will be great to have a lasting record.

The meeting was then turned to our new format; Jon Makim demonstrated his tying techniques and Lowy taught rigging. This held the attention of everyone. The members seemed to embrace this addition to our meetings and we will keep this going as long as everyone gets benefit from these sessions.

## **Pink Flyfishers** - Tom Boylan

This was held on Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> at Pizzey Park. Twelve ladies attended and I would like to thank Paul Goody, Kruger, Mark Hosking and Bob Stembridge for the assistance they gave the ladies. Dorothee Williams came down from Darwin to present the class and we were all impressed with her teaching methods, presentation and professionalism.





We morning had tea and lunched at the Veterans Tennis centre Courtesy of the organizers Recfish Australia. The ladies were a great bunch who tried hard, showed vast improvement, and were funny, cheeky and good company.

Bob Stembridge filmed most of the activity and has kindly offered to edit it listing the lady participants and make a DVD available to each of them as a memento of their day. When it is to hand we will have a look at it at one of our meetings.

### **Miami High Flyfishing Classes – Tom Boylan**

This year we had 24 students in our classes. We divided them into two groups; one learned to tie a basic fly (a Crazy Charlie this time) and learned a couple of basic knots, while the other group had lessons in casting. The second week we swapped the groups around and the third class was an outing to Lakewoods to try out what they had learned on the water. As was the case last year, a number of the students got a lot out of the experience and a few were there just to get out of something else. All and all it was a good exercise. We would like to thank Denis Shaw, John Morrison, Mark Drewett, Don Nash, Bob Stembridge and Angus Collins and for helping out.





## Annual General Meeting

As you know our August meeting will be our AGM. You have all received nomination forms. If you think anyone or anything needs to be changed, this is the time to have your say. Remember also that your membership fees are due at this time. Please make sure that you pay them to Mark Miller at our AGM.

### President's Report

Our AGM is to be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>. It is planned that this be largely a social evening where we can spend more time than usual circulating and "catching up". We will be running an open bar and providing food platters to celebrate the close of another great SEQFF year.

We enjoyed a number of well attended fishing outings where numbers seem to be growing whether it is the fishing, good company or the free BBQ doesn't really matter, and they are great gatherings.

The flyfishing convention was another huge success and has given our club a national profile. The committee thanks all those who helped in so many ways.

Teaching flyfishing to the students at Miami High School was another highlight and great fun for those involved.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members Mark Hosking, Mark Miller, Gary Sheppard and Bob Knot who's input and efforts gave our club vitality. Their suggestions and activities are always aimed towards the benefit of our members.

A special mention is deserved of Evan Evans our "webmaster" who maintains our club website with devoted efficiency. The site enjoys many visits but not many contributions. To keep the thing alive we must increase activity. We need your Contributions, criticisms, questions and individual experiences. It is found at [www.seqflyfishers.asn.au](http://www.seqflyfishers.asn.au) Had a recent adventure? Bought some new gear or a boat? Brag about it. Thinking of buying something? Get advice. That is what our forum is for. Get on it and get involved.

The contribution of time and effort from Denis Shaw, Brian Kirkley, Glen Court, Don Nash and a number of others who jump in whenever needed is greatly appreciated.

Our members also deserve honourable mention for the support they provide the club which enjoys a unique friction free, happy existence due no doubt to the quality of those members.

We enjoy great support from Fishhead, Doug Burt's Tackle, Tie'N'Fly and Sporty's Fishing and thank them for their continued association and assistance. We in turn should support them.

I have written separately to the Mermaid Beach Bowls Club to thank them for the services they provide for us. The club's staff are always friendly and provide every assistance. The use of their greens for casting nights and access to all of their facilities is greatly appreciated. The bowls club has truly become our home and many of our members, returning their support, have joined as associates, (\$6.00) enjoying discount food and drinks and no signing in makes this an attractive proposition.

I look forward to celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary later this year and a number of other planned future highlights should make 2007/8 another great club year.

Regards  
Tom

## Secretary's Report

2007 proved to be another very good year in the life of SEQFFC. The Convention held last September again proved to be a huge success with accolades coming from all who attended. We have now made a decision to hold the Convention every 2 years. This gives the industry time to develop and release new products etc which can be displayed/demonstrated at the Convention and give those people attending something new to see. It also gives those club members who are heavily involved a little rest and breathing space.

We have enjoyed continued membership growth and it has been great to see some more and different faces attending our monthly fishing trips.

Most of the other highlights from the year have already been mentioned by Tom in his President's report so no need for me to do that again.

As always the strength of our club does and will continue to lie with you, its members. Get involved where you can and don't be afraid to make a suggestion to improve the club in any way.

Regards,  
Mark Hosking

## Treasurers Report 2007

The largest expense for the club during 2006-2007 was the successful convention held last September. This was again profitable. In dollar terms the amount of profit was low but when seen in the broad context of the club profile we stand tall. The intention with running the Convention has always been to keep it as affordable as possible for those who attend, whilst at the same time making sure that after it is all over it does not actually cost the club any money.

As of June 27<sup>th</sup> 2007 we had \$2,500 in the bank. This amount will build significantly as we pay our membership fees for 2007 / 2008. So if you haven't made your contribution as yet please do so at the next meeting.

To maintain our surplus funds we need to support our monthly and annual raffles because it is from these that the club pays our annual insurance cost which has remained at \$1,000 this year. This revenue also contributes to monthly BBQ's, stationary costs that assist Bob to keep our Newsletter in circulation. I must also mention that your fees also assist our busy Mr. President who searches far and wide for our raffle prizes each month.

We are a generous club in that we also like to ensure that on special occasions like our Christmas celebrations and AGM meeting, participating club members enjoy free drinks and some finger foods.

Regards,  
Mark Miller

**Thought of the month: Doesn't "Expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?**

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

## Coming Events



### NEXT MEETING:

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August- 7.30 p.m.**  
**Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,**  
**9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

### NEXT FISHING TRIP:

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**Jumpinpin**  
**Target – Flathead**


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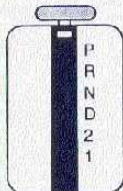
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