



NEWSLETTER

February, 2004

G'Day, Gang!

We held our first Learning Session last month and it was quite successful. A dozen or so members showed up and we were shown how to tie a Bimini Twist, Spider Hitch, Perfection Loop and how to make a braided loop. We also enjoyed a few cleansing ales and each other's company. We will continue to run this session on the first Tuesday of each month and will cover casting, fly tying and anything else the members want to learn from each other. This is really what being a club member is all about...learning from each other. We have a lot of members with experience in various techniques, so this is a way to take advantage from this wonderful pool of knowledge.

At our February meeting, we paired off members for the Borumba trip. We also discussed the Longtail Tuna Comp. which will be held 12th – 14th of March at Mooloolaba. We discussed and alternative trip for those who cannot or don't wish to go to the comp. Angus Collins has suggested that the alternative outing be a visit to Lakewoods (Spot X), as Giant Herring have been quite active on the western side of the lake. It has been decided that we will gather there in the late afternoon and fish until dusk. As usual for Lakewoods, the nominated species will be anything you can catch on fly. Points for attendance and fish caught will count. A barbeque will follow. **Note:** Will those who intend to fish Lakewoods on the 13th please contact Tom Boylan by the 10th so that we know how many to cater for.

Sean Taylor, the former manager of Mossops in Southport, visited our club meeting with a rod and reel for sale. This is a Strudwick, Dean Butler Taper, 7wt. and a Felty 911 reel complete with Harro's Bionic Braid backing and a Mastery clear sink tip line...all in "as new condition". The only reason he is selling the outfit is that he is moving to Weipa and won't have a use for it up there. Mario suggested that the club buy the outfit and make it the major prize in our next Monster Raffle. We all agreed and purchased the outfit for \$500. New, it would be \$1,200! Tickets, at \$5 ea. will go on sale at our next meeting and the raffle will be held at our AGM.

Borumba Dam Fishing Outing - Tom Boylan

Twelve of our members took on this trip together with six members of The South Brisbane Sportfishers. We got together at camp and had some funny times. The conviviality of the gathering turned out, unfortunately, to be about all we can say was enjoyable about the trip as the ambient daytime temperature was 44 deg. and dead still; the dam had a water temperature of 34 deg. and was hot, muddy and weedy...not the best conditions for fishing..

Damian Crawley and I had made arrangements to hire a boat from The Deer Park; we had our choice of two and decided to take the one that had a motor which started. It started alright and ran like a beauty all the way to the top end of the lake. At that point it decided it didn't want to run anymore, so after 30 minutes or so of pulling and cursing we decided to relax a bit by rowing back. We rowed in the heat for quite some time until we were spotted by Don Nash and towed the rest of the way back.

When we expressed our displeasure to the bloke who hired us the boat he magnanimously said he would only charge us for half a day! It took some persuasive logic, like “BUT THE #@%^ING THING WOULDN'T GO!!!” before he decided (possibly for the sake of his future health and well being) that we should not have to pay after all.

Our **Brian Kirkely** was the only fly fisherman to score with a nice 54cm Saratoga, which he said performed rather lazily. He took this fish on a green shrimp pattern, tied he told us, with hair from his dog. He must feed his pooch a lot of chlorophyll to get that green hair! The South Brisbane guys managed 5 Togas on spinnerbaits, taken I guess, in anger with the heat making the fish as cranky as we were.

I came home to read an article in The Sunday Mail proclaiming Imbil as “The New Noosa”. When you arrive in Imbil you will find a run-down pub and a take-away run by a bloke in dirty clothing and an unfortunate manner. Chic??? “Chic” is what the locals think the toothless shout when they hit their thumb with a hammer.

With fishing we learn there are great trips, good trips, mediocre trips and downright lousy trips. Having said that, we will be back to Borumba next year, because when the dam turns on the fishing can be spectacular!

The whereabouts of “Tuna Boy” Dale Tan

I recently received the following e-mail from Dale and thought it should be shared with the club.

Dear Bob,

Yes, I'm still alive. I apologise for the hasty departure from the Gold Coast, I'm now currently based in Thursday Island in the northernmost territory of Australia. I have been gone since November hence my non-attendance to the meetings. Please inform members of my whereabouts and that I have not forgotten the good times and the camaraderie I enjoyed in my two years in the club. I will still be a member of the club and stay loyal despite my location.

I have caught some coral trout, parrotfish and tarpon in the Island but have not done a great deal of success as I am still learning the area. I have been busted off by unlandable things lurking under the wharf on soft plastics. I have now access to a boat and fishing will definitely improve in the next few months, I will email photos soon.

By the way locals have told me that they catch "Pumpkin heads" aka Permit off the wharf here, they are caught on prawn bait, locals said "they go like clappers" and I said no shit. It is the wet season now so fishing can be a bit difficult when it's bucketing down. In the next few weeks when the rain ease, I will be around the Jardine River billabongs chasing sara and barras.

So that's it for now, I will keep you guys informed.

Cheers'

Dale Tan "Tuna boy"

Angler of the Year – Rules for 2004

Glenn Court has kindly taken over the job of running our Angler of the Year Competition and the keeping of scores. The scoring for this year has changed somewhat and will be as follows:

- * 10 points for attending an outing
- * Nominated Species: 30 points and 5 points per cm over legal minimum length. Where no legal minimum exists, a minimum size of 30 cm applies.
- * 10 points and 1 point per cm for non-nominated species; same length regulations apply
- * All fish must be released to count.
- * Kingfish, Mangrove Jack, and Giant Herring will qualify as “special species” and will count as nominated species on any outing.

The “Russell Coit” Award

On our Clarrie Hall outing two members qualified for this prestigious honour. **Damian Crawley**, because after dire warnings that no one should drive by the caretaker’s house early in the morning, Damian roared straight past, waking up the household. **Don Nash** earned his by showing off his new sounder. It was an hour before it was noticed that the sounder showed the same bottom and the same fish wherever he went. He had it set on “test”, of course! They were each fined \$2 for their offences.

Uncle Billy’s Trip 30 April – 3 May 2004

The following members have indicated they want to go on this outing. This trip is now full. We will need a \$20 deposit from each member by the March meeting. Please see or contact Glenn Court. Cost for the 3 nights is \$240 ea.

Main Lake

Glenn Court
Mario Demaio
Mike Halls
Rick Slennett
Richard Foley
Mark Hosking
Bev Chiffens
Ester Slee

Small Lake

Garry Sheppard
Damian Crawley
Drew Griffith
Eric Berryman
Shaun Ash

Fly of the Month

Joe Blade’s Crease Fly - Tom Boylan

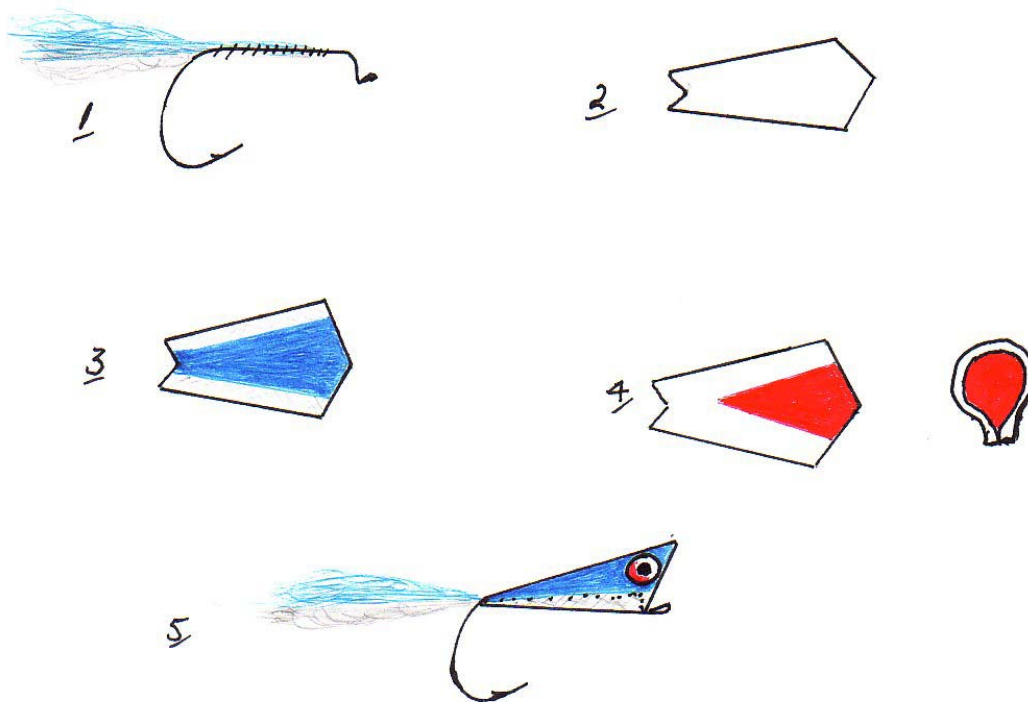
- Hook: Mustad 37177NRBLN. This hook is used for soft plastics and has a right angle bend at the eye; this will hold the body straight and prevent it from rolling around the shank.
- Body: 2mm plastic foam, sticky on both sides and covered with a plastic, peel-off. Available from Clark Rubber or similar outlets.
- Body Colour: Metallic Mylar sheet, or organza; this should be underlaid with silver organza for maximum effect. You can simply use permanent marker pens if you prefer.
- Tail: Any soft-flowing material; Arctic Fox with a hair or similar mixed with pearl Flashabou and finished with a top colour to match you choice for the body.

If you have managed to attach the body straight and evenly, this fly will pop really effectively. It may also be fished on a full sink line to make it wander along about the bottom, and upon stripping, dart down and then float up to resume it’s position 2-3 ft above the bottom. Bass fishers may like to push some rubber legs through the body.

Method

1. Tie in the tail and coat the shank well with head cement.
2. Shape the body to the length of the hook shank. The small notch will accommodate the tail.

3. Peel off the plastic covering and stick your choice of coloured materials to the body, then trim off any excess
4. On reverse side, stick some red plastic or other material down the centre as shown. This will prevent the top of the body from sticking together and allow a tunnel to be formed at the head.
5. Carefully fold the body along the centre line and firmly press the bottom edges over the hook shank. Add eyes and overcoat with a clear, protective (epoxy or similar). I always add a little red flash to the rear underside of stick-on eyes for any fly; it makes them look like they've been on the turps or the nest and are easy prey.



March Meeting

Our meeting this month should be a good one! **Jessie Lomas**, who came 3rd in the AFC Bream Tournament this year, will speak to us about tricks to catch bream. This should be of interest to us all. Also **Robert Coddington**, the new partner in The Fisherman, at Sporty's Warehouse will be bringing all sorts of neat gear for us to drool over. It will be a great one, so try to be there!

Quote of the month:

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth!
Anon

Tight Lines and bent rods!

Your Scribe

Coming Events

CASTING ARVO

1st Sunday of the month
Location - Pizzey Park, Miami
Start - 1:30pm

LEARNING SESSION

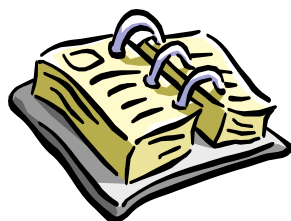
Tuesday, 2nd March 2004
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 16th March 2004.
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach
Commence - 7.30 p.m

NEXT CLUB FISHING TRIP:

12th – 14th March 2004
Location – Mooloolaba
Target – Longtail Tuna
Alternative Outing- Lakewoods
Time:Late afternoon to Dusk
BBQ to follow



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