



# Club Newsletter

February 2011

**Welcome to all,**

## **Club Meeting - 11/01/2011**

It would appear that many of the club members were suffering with cabin fever following the Christmas break. They turned out in good numbers to take the advantage to catch up and have a chat about their adventures over the Christmas break and kick start the 2011 club year.



**January Club Meeting**

The January club meeting is often can sometimes be a smaller gathering with members still enjoying their break but not this time round. With having to reschedule our December club outing, the Brian McDuffie Memorial the members were hungry to plan the next few outings and other club activities. With the weather flexing its muscles in the form of rain to the point of major floods in many locations, fly fishing had been tough and the word that come to mind for those who ventured out would have to be "optimistic".

Points for discussion were:

- ✚ The January one fly club outing. More on this later in the newsletter.
- ✚ The Brian McDuffie memorial. Wild bass fish in the Upper Tweed River.
- ✚ The Clarrie Hall Dam bass fish.
- ✚ Discussions about the club web site.
- ✚ Review of the club "Top Ten Largest Species" fish measuring process. Refer changes in guidelines this newsletter.
- ✚ Plans for future casting days.

- ✚ Plans for activities for club meeting evenings. Knot tying, fly tying, fly fishing trivia night, and fly swaps.

Another item for discussion at the January club meeting that the response to the "Top Ten". To refresh all members' thoughts on these areas, I have attached the guidelines for each outcome.



## **"Top Ten" Fish of the Year**

Following on from the discussions at club meetings regarding a proposal for an annual "Top Ten" competition the following sets out the rules & guidelines for a fish to be considered eligible.

### **RULES & GUIDELINES**

- ✚ The competition shall run annually from the 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> July each year.
- ✚ To be eligible you must be a current Full or Junior financial member of the SEQFFC.
- ✚ The fish has to be caught on conventional flyfishing tackle
- ✚ Fish can be caught at anytime i.e. does not have to be caught on "official" club outings.
- ✚ The Top Ten winners shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting each year.
- ✚ Each winner shall receive a gift voucher and a certificate

#### **The "Top Ten" nominated species are:**

- **Bass**
- **Saratoga**
- **Bream**
- **Flathead (Any Species)**
- **Tailor**
- **Trevally (Any Species)**
- **Tuna (Any Species)**
- **Tarpon**
- **Mackerel (Any species)**
- **Kingfish**

#### **Geographical Boundaries**

SEQ or Northern NSW Waters from Ballina to Hervey Bay (in line with the northern tip of Fraser Island)

#### **Measurement of fish**

- ✚ Where the nominated species has a fork tail the measurement shall be taken along the length of the fish from the lip to the start of the fork. Where the fish has a paddle tail then the measurement shall be from the lip to the end of the tail.
- ✚ The calculation of length measurement to be determined with the use of a measuring device.
- ✚ Photographic evidence of the fish showing its size on the measuring device must be submitted to be eligible.

**The submission of nominations for the above categories applies to fish caught "after" the August 2010 AGM meeting.**

## ***One Fly Outing, Emerald Lakes - 16/01/2011 - Jeff Christoffel***

The club "One Fly" outing has a reputation for waking many of our members well before sunrise to present their chosen fly to our piscatorial friends. I am not sure whether it is the timing, first club outing for the calendar year or the concept, you may fish one fly, or clones of your first cast fly of the day that is the draw card. Perhaps it is the simplicity of fishing shore based and casually chatting as you go about your fishing. Whatever the reason this outing is always well attended.

The weather gods were kind to us on the day, with slightly overcast skies, little or no breeze early in the morning. I arrived at the boat launch area early with the lads from NSW, Dean and Mark M hot on my heels. I later found out that several of the club members were already casting the water to foam at another hot spot on the lake.



**Jon with a bream caught on his loaf of bread fly**

This was the first year that we had fished the Emerald Lakes location for this outing, and for many people, the first time they had fished these waters. A few of the members had some local knowledge here but as things turned out it was a level playing field on the day due to the unsettled weather conditions leading up to the outing.





**The moving water and good shade was the main attraction for this group**

A few of the members took to the water in their boats to gain the advantage of prospecting with their flies close to the shore and working them slowly back to the boat. Although this technique often works well in this location it didn't produce the goods on this occasion.



**Kate and Kruger working the edges**

Most of the fish caught on the day were Flathead with Bream making up the balance of the captures. The lake has a reputation for producing a variety of species but it was the bread and butter varieties on this occasion.





**This lad was keen; he had a crack at Paul's fly and the fly rod. It's only a Sage**

Emerald Lakes is a fair expanse of water and as such presents plenty of options for land based fishing. This gives people ample space to work the waters and cast to different types of structure.



**Paul working in close to the shore**





**Ezvin caught fish and managed not to hook a passing pedestrian**

It was interesting to see what creations had produced the goods by the close of the morning. Apart from Jon's loaf and a half bread fly, the go to flies were mostly medium to small bait fish patterns or smallish shrimp patterns.



**Flies that produced on the day**

Ricks polar squirts and Vince's Clouser's are the first choice for these lads in many situations. Certainly the other smaller patterns scored well with my pink shrimp pattern only accounting for a small bream.

As it mentions in the god book there is a time for fishing and a time for tucking in. After a morning of casting and walking it was time to don the nose bags and chill out.



**Mark Miller cooked up a weight watchers feast for the starving hordes. Thanks Mark.**

Emerald lakes has a small gazebo near the boat launch area that provided the perfect spot to chill out and compare notes on the great mornings fishing.



**A perfect close to a good mornings fishing**



***Club Member Profile***



## **Lando Leadbeater .**



Lando lives in Ballina with his wife Michelle and two girls and, he tells me, a cat and two rabbits.

For the past 21 years he has worked his only job at Trevan Ford Ballina where he is now workshop foreman.

Ballina Ford also have the NRMA service franchise so after hours Lando grabs a few extra bucks on road service duties.

For many years Michelle and her mum ran a Thai restaurant. Due to the popular growth of Thai in the area, ten years ago they sold and opened the "Ballina Indian Kitchen" which is hugely successful.

Lando and the girls dine at home ( I suspect on last night's least favourite menu choice).

Growing up on the small family farm with all the chores that entails Lando had little time to pursue outside interests so concentrated on shooting the local bunnies and fishing the Richmond river and tributaries.

Aside from a few trips to the coast with his Dad, his main concentration has been on wild bass and forked tail catfish and he has developed an intimate knowledge of his quarry, their likes and habits.

Lando developed an interest in flyfishing from magazines and TV programmes and bought a start up outfit a few years ago and self taught himself casting, rigging etc. from books and DVDs.

Then came that fateful time when a pool carrying a number of bass refused his every lure and in desperation he turned to his fly rod Bang! Bang! Bang! Three in a row. Lando that day stepped through the golden curtain and was lost to the normal world.

He now owns #6 and #8 Reddington bass rods, a #7 Loop, #8 Z Axis Sage, with several reels and lines and a Rosco canoe with a 56 lb thrust electric. He has also taken up flytying and all of his skills have been self taught.

He attended our convention last March and, as a result, joined our club. He has since attended a number of meetings and joined us at Uncle Billy's in October where he displayed a high degree of casting and fish catching abilities and generally joined in and added to the fun of the weekend.

The convention and Uncle Billy's were the first trips away from home Lando had ever made except for shopping trips to Bali with his wife for restaurant items but it now won't be his last, already planning attending the Variety Club events, Ebor when it comes around and anything else that he can fit in, Lando will become a much more active and very welcome member of our club.

Andrew and Paul have been chasing the bass in the dirty water in their kayaks of late. Their efforts have been rewarded with several healthy specimens coming out to play in the brackish and fresh water areas.



**Andrew with a healthy yak caught bass**





**Paul with another bass catch on fly from the yak**

Kruger has made his mark on some of the jack population on fly of late. The warmer days and the heavy water flows have put them on the chew.



**Kruger's jack attack on fly**



**Kruger's jack fly**

***Photo of the Month***



**What a way to start the day (By Kruger)**



March 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 2011

Lake Maroon

## **Variety Children's Bass on fly Competition**



*Lots of prizes, trophies & giveaways*

*Briefing Friday night 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Venue Camp lake fire*

*Bookings 07 54636121*

*Please let them know your booking for the fishing comp*

*For more info phone Jeremy on 0419 739917*

[www.varietyflyfishing.org.au](http://www.varietyflyfishing.org.au)

**N.B.** There is some confusion regarding the availability of the great venue that is used as the base for the Variety Children's Bass on Fly weekend at Maroon Dam, Camp Lakefire. Camp Lakefire is coming under a new lease arrangement that will take effect from March the first this year. Till then and from that time onwards it is business as usual. Anyone looking for camp or cabin accommodation at this top spot can make their bookings as usual.

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Variety Children's Bass on Fly Competition

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**NOMINATION FORM**

- ☐ TEAM NAME.....
- ☐ TEAM CAPTAIN'S NAME.....
- ☐ ADDRESS.....
- ☐ .....
- ☐ PHONE NUMBER.....
- ☐ E-MAIL: .....
- ☐ SHIRT SIZE (PLEASE CIRCLE)    M    L    XL    XXL    XXXL Polo Shirt fee \$20.00
- ☐ TEAM CREW MEMBERS NAME.....
- ☐ ADDRESS.....
- ☐ .....
- ☐ PHONE NUMBER.....
- ☐ E-MAIL: .....
- ☐ SHIRT SIZE (PLEASE CIRCLE)    M    L    XL    XXL    XXXL Polo Shirt fee \$20.00

**REGISTRATION FEE IS \$55.00      JUNIOR \$30.00**  
**(Includes Saturday night's meal)**  
**SKIPPER \$ 20.00                      EXTRA MEAL \$ 15.00**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED    \$.....

Please make cheques and money orders payable to:

**VARIETY CHILDREN'S FLYFISHING COMPETITIONS**  
*and mail to:*    **81 Macrossan Ave**  
                      **Norman Park 4170**

*Or EFT to:*    **CBA: BSB 064107 A/C #: 10233214**

WE AGREE TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS SET BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE THE FINAL DECISION ON ANY ISSUES IN DESPUTE

- ☐ CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE.....
- ☐ CREW MEMBER'S SIGNATURE.....



## **For Sale**

R.L. Winston IM6 rod 8.6 5wt 3 piece \$400  
R.L.Winston LT 8.9 5wt 5 piece \$400  
R.L.Winston LT 9.0 6wt 5 piece \$300 (small scratch)  
Hardy Sovereign Reel 567 5 100 yds backing w/spare spool \$300  
Hardy Ultralight Disc 6 reel 6 120 yds backing \$100  
Able No 1 Reel 150 yds backing \$200 small scratch.  
Contact – Warwick Northcott on 5534 4960

## **For Sale**

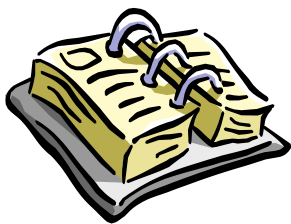
Horne thigh waders size 6 men's (or 8 ladies) nearly new. \$80.00  
Hone thigh waders size 9 men's with cheated sole, worn 3 times. \$90.00  
G. Loomis bait caster – 5' 6" great for Jacks /Barra – very good condition \$140.00  
Contact – Brendan Johnson 3224 2291

***Special Thanks*** Thank you to all the people who have contributed to or club newsletter.

## ***Quotation for December***

"Great achievements are driven by faith"

***Tight Lines and bent rods!***  
***Jeff***



## **NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, at 7PM.  
Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,  
9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

**NEXT CLUB FISHING TRIP:  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
Clarrie Hall Dam, NSW.  
(See web site for details)**

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