

Happy New Year, Everyone!

Well a New Year has started and if it turns out as good as the last one, it will be a ripper! We finished off last year with a very social meeting. We had a good turnout and enjoyed a few beverages together.

Our Angler of the Year Award went to Gary Sheppard who managed to boat six bass on our last outing to take the prize. Well done Gary! Our Member of the Year Award went to Don Nash who richly deserved it for all the time and effort he has put into the club. Congratulations Don! The only catch to this award is that the winner must decide who should receive it the following year.

One of the first items on our agenda for the New Year is to decide on our fishing calendar for the year. Our first outing is our One Fly Competition to be held at Lakewood's this coming Saturday. This outing is always a lot of fun. You can fish from daylight until dark or have a morning session and an afternoon session. The rules are that you can only use one fly pattern but it must be uniform in colour and size, you can however have as many of these as you like. Any fish species over 30cm in length counts. This is normally followed by a barbeque at dusk. If you have not been before Lakewood's it is in the hills just above Currumbin where 19th Avenue and Guineas Creek Road meet.

Unfortunately so far only a few members have indicated that they are coming so unless we get more attending it is not worthwhile doing a barbeque at this stage. On our website under 'Forums' there is an area "Club Outings". Please register there for the outings you will be attending. That will allow us to cater correctly for the outings, allocate boat rides, share transport, book accommodations etc. without making a thousand phone calls. For our other outings if you need a boat ride, transport, the loan of some gear or information then please say so and we can then endeavour to arrange it. The few of you Luddites who are still not on the net should ring Brian Kirkley to let him know if you are coming to the One Fly outing.

Our February outing will be at Victoria Point, Redland Bay on Saturday February 11th. This has been one of our most popular outings. Victoria Point offers good launching facilities and an excellent barbeque area. Brunch will be served around 11.00am.

The morning chosen enjoys a large 2.4m run-in tide to 9:30am which should provide good fishing over the shallow reef areas for Snapper and Sweetlips. The strong tides should provide lots of bait being driven through the channels with the usual attending Tunas, Tailor and other pelagics.

Duncan O'Connell will be attending our meeting on Jan. 17th to give us a great deal more information on the productive area. He will also be bringing a variety of discounted gear; flylines, rods, reels and tying materials as well as lots of new stuff. If you missed out at Christmas, here is your second chance.

FISHING TRIP SUGGESTIONS

The following is a list of the outings we have had in the past. Would you please study this, perhaps adding to it for suggestions for our 2006 calendar. We can then finalise it at our January meeting. Tuna trips to northern areas are well catered for in the "Meet & Greet" programmes so need not be included in our itinerary.

Already committed: "One Fly" Lakewood's Estate, January 14th Victoria Point, February 11th

Other options include Nerang River, Uncle Billy's, Coomera River, Hinze Dam, Borumba, Jumpinpin, Byangum Bridge Tweed, Seaway/Broadwater, Brunswick Heads. More please.

BUY & SELL DEPARTMENT

If any of you have anything you want to sell or something you are looking for or know someone who has something for sale that might interest our members let us know and we can spread the word. A neighbour of mine has asked to have these put in the newsletter.

For Sale

Engel fridge 12/240v 25 Litre fair condition \$300 Coolmate fridge Approx 40 litre 12/240 Ambient temp fridge, Good cond \$150

Recently serviced

Available for inspection till February 5 Please ring - 0413 222222

Quote of the month: Never forget that you are unique, just like everybody else. Anon

Tight Lines and bent rods! Scribe

<u>Coming Events</u>



NEXT MEETING:

<u>NEXT FISHING</u> <u>TRIP:</u> Tuesday, January 17th - 7.30 p.m. Mermaid Beach Bowls Club, 9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach

Saturday 14th January – One Fly Comp Lakewoods – AM and/or PM Target – Anything over 30cm on one fly Barbeque at dusk

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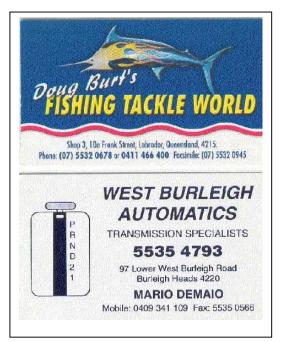
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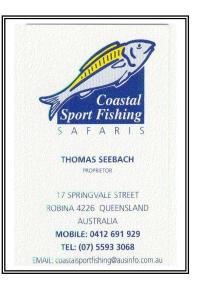
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