



# NEWSLETTER

July 2005

## *Hi, Gang!*

At our July meeting, we had the pleasure of welcoming visitors, **Geoff “Voltzy” Volter, Bruce “Dobbo” Dobson, Rose Stevens, and Brian Perrers**. Rose decided there and then to become a member. Welcome aboard, Rose. **Rick Slennett** demonstrated a very interesting device for the retrieval of lures and flies (not that any of us have problems with snagging our flies). These are available at Duncan O’Connell’s shop.

We discussed our Junior Coaching at Miami High and agreed it was going along smoothly. In fact, the twenty or so students who took part wound up enjoying the experience. By the end of the few, short lessons, all had tied a fly and a few knots, and were able to cast at least 10 meters. The teacher in charge was very enthusiastic and wants to have us conduct sessions annually as part of their Marine Science Programme. All in all we felt it was a successful start to our coaching.

### **Russell Coight Awards**

Those of you who are new to the club may not be aware of this special award. It is given to members who do really dumb things. This month we had two recipients: Your Scribe for sending out membership lists with the telephone numbers incomplete (alright, more than one) and Denis Shaw for losing his fly rod overboard, then diving into a berley trail to recover it.

### **August Fishing**

We were to go to Maroon Dam late this month, but the Bass are not on the chew at this time of the year, so we have scrapped that idea, and will fish Victoria Point instead. Snapper will be the target species, and we have set the date of 20<sup>th</sup> of August. Boats and passengers will be allotted at our August meeting.

### **August Meeting - A note from Tom**

We have a number of visitors coming to our meeting on August 16 to hear Dr. Julian Pepperell discuss tuna. He is a world authority on game fish and well worth listening to. Our Inskip Point trip looks like being well attended with people coming from Tasmania, Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra as well as those from the Sunshine Coast and Hervey Bay. Even my son Simon is travelling up to fish with us. So it looks like being a big one, quite prestigious for our club, we should try to get one of the magazines to cover it.

### **Annual General Meeting**

As you are all aware, our August meeting will be our AGM. Anyone who wishes to nominate for club office should be there. We have sent out nomination forms and encourage any member who would like to take a bigger part in the club to put his (or her) hand up. Our meeting is also the deadline for the “Early Bird Discount” for our upcoming Convention. If you pay by the meeting you will save \$30.

The August meeting is also your last chance to get your flies in for our annual tying competition. Come on, someone must be able to take the trophy away from Denis (although he does tie a pretty smart fly).

### **President's Report**

What a great year we have had. Our club has grown larger and stronger, bonding within our members is, I believe our greatest strength and I would like to thank you all for your willingness to reach out to others, your contributions and support.

There are so many people to acknowledge but let me start with Bob Knott who gets involved in everything we do. His contribution is outstanding. Angus Collins who served as secretary and was always on top of the job sadly resigned mid year to pursue his career as a lure and fly guide, but remains a staunch club member. Mark Hosking was forced out of retirement, re-enthused and let loose, his computer art lifts us well beyond the ordinary and his management skills have had real impact.

Mark Miller, as treasurer has been Mr Solid with everything at his fingertips and every dollar securely locked down in spite of people at meetings throwing money at him for all separately accountable reasons. He is a rock. Brian Kirkley, our club member of the year, our provider and cook, gets thanked as cooks should at every outing and I want to do it here again, thank you.

Our schools project launched, designed and progressed by Gary Sheppard, our Vice President has been quite successful. With students from Miami High School involved in a course as part of their Marine Studies involving Fly and Knot tying, fly casting and practical fishing. Thanks to the many people who gave their time to help. Bob Knott, Don Nash, John Foy, Trevor Johns, Jon Makim, Mike Halls and Vince Margossian. You will be pleased to learn that all students passed their exam. (I did the marking)

Another ground breaking trend started with our trip to Mooloolaba and Bribie, when people from Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra and North Queensland joined us for a weekend of fishing and social nonsense. This was due to Glenn Court's Internet connections where he is well known and respected. We plan another such gathering at Inskip in September and you should not miss it. We now face our greatest undertaking ever, the production of our Flyfishing Convention late October. The brainchild of Glenn Court, or is that child brain? Had a difficult and doubtful beginning but is now blossoming into robust health. Our convention committee led by Glenn and comprised of the two Marks, Bob, Gary and myself have burned a bit of midnight oil getting it this far now it appears to have taken on a momentum of it's own with enquiries and applications coming from all parts of the East Coast.

It will be an exciting weekend, very important to our club's standing and you should try to get there. We should strive to make our guests as welcome and comfortable as possible. Club members should wear a shirt with club badge and be prepared, in shifts, to attend bar collect dishes and load the commercial dishwasher after each meal and do whatever else is necessary to make the event a great success.

Tom Boylan, President

### **Secretary's Report**

I was going through the minutes of some of the very early meetings (back in the days when they were taken at every meeting) and found it very interesting looking back on the early days of the SEQFFC. For those that were not around in the early days let me give you a little history of our club. The first meeting of the then unnamed SEQFFC was in on 16 July 1997. A total of 16 people

attended. Looking at those present at the first meeting there was a couple of names that still are around today, Jon Makim & Mario Demaio. Basically the formation of our club came about as a result of a group of like minded people wanting to get together to enjoy fly fishing (nothing much has changed really has it?). A decision was made at that meeting (held at Gecko House at Currumbin) to incorporate and the name SEQFFC was decided upon. Two months later the first AGM of the club was held and a committee was elected to guide the club through its first year. A few more familiar names appeared at that first AGM, Glenn & Annette Court, Steve Routleff & Bob Knott. The bank account had a few of hundred dollars in it and casting arvo's were held at the Goose Pond. For a number of years the club slowly grew with the occasional organised fishing trip and their monthly meeting.

Late in 2000 the club was struggling a little with a drop in membership numbers and fairly poor attendance's to its monthly meetings. In an attempt to pump a little life back into the club it decided to relocate our monthly meetings to a more central location and on 14 November 2000 the first meeting was held at Mermaid Beach Bowls Club. The change in location certainly had an impact as that first meeting had 11 visitors in addition to the regular members.

Tom Boylan at that stage was the Vice President however our appointed President was unable to make a lot of the meetings so it was left to Tom and the remainder of the committee to guide the club. Whilst we have had a number of changes in committee members over the last five years the one constant has been Tom and there can be no doubt he has been the driving force behind the success of the SEQFFC. Our membership now numbers around 50 (depending on who has and has not paid their annual fee) and continues to grow, we enjoy a club fishing outing at least once a month, our meetings are well attended, enjoyable and informative and we have been able to increase our profile and fly fishing generally by things such as the school program and seminars.

The strength of our club does and will continue to lie with its members. Get involved where you can especially with the Convention coming up in October, any help is always appreciated. For those of you that have not been on a club fishing trip do yourself a favour and get along to one of them. Once you have, believe me you will not want to miss one in the future.

Mark Hosking, Secretary

### **Treasurer's Report**

The 2004/2005 Financial Year for the club has been successful in that we are in the black, NOT in the red. Our fee structure and monthly raffles have enabled us to keep financing the monthly Club Barbeque, the annual Christmas party, plus drinks, plus meals for our guest speakers, plus contribution to some accommodation costs incurred when fishing trips go beyond the Gold Coast boundary. So please keep participating in the monthly raffles as the proceeds keep the club idling along. Again, our major cost has been for club insurance which is a hair short of \$1,000.

The major boost to club funds came from the Gold Coast City Council's contribution to our club's Schools Program. Thanks to Gary Sheppard and Tom Boylan for their contribution to this outcome and club development.

A financial statement for the club will be available at our next meeting if you need more detail. The 2005/2006 Report will feature the usual contributions to club finances, plus the outcome of the October Convention

Mark Miller, Treasurer

## Fishing News

### Peel Island Trip by Rick Slennett

Fished Peel Island on Wednesday great conditions, top day with a light breeze caught small squire, sweetlip, moses perch, pike and those nasty grinders. After snagging the fly on a reef in about 20ft of water, Denis pulls up the anchor or rather the boat gets pulled towards the anchor, which pings the snagged fly rod into the berley trail, which he had been maintaining for at least 30 minutes by the way.

I'm oblivious to all of this as I chat to the wife on the phone when all of a sudden Denis yells something like, "AHHHH FLAARODDDD!" then sprints full length of the boat followed by a really neat swan dive at the end right into the berley trail towards the rod which was now just a reel and butt just sticking up out of the water. Skillfully he fought off the sharks and grinders and like Excalibur - claimed his prize.

I don't know if it's a Russell Coight or a Bravery award that he deserves for this, but after that and the chilly run back with just a jacket and a pair of wet undies, he deserves something – that's for sure.



Denis looking a little waterlogged

### Inskip Trip – September

This will be a great trip! We will fish Sat the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sun the 4<sup>th</sup>. We have four cabins reserved (each cabin sleeps four) at the Rainbow Waters Caravan Park, at Carlo Point, which has excellent cabin and camping facilities and is next to the boat ramp. This trip has been posted on Nat Bromhead's forum, and it looks as though we will have people coming from all over to join us. If you want to fish this trip, let us know at the August meeting when we will assign boats and deckies.

## Remember

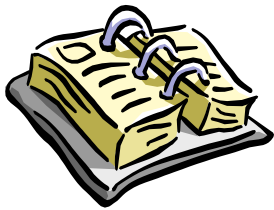
If you have not yet paid your \$40 annual membership fee, bring it to this coming meeting or post a cheque to: **South East Qld Flyfishers, P.O. Box 602, Palm Beach, 4221**

## Quote of the month:

**Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.**  
Mark Twain

***Tight Lines and bent rods!***  
***You're Scribe***

## Coming Events



### NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> - 7.30 p.m.**  
**Mermaid Beach Bowls Club,**  
**9 Markeri Street, Mermaid Beach**

### NEXT FISHING TRIP:

**Moreton Bay**  
**Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Launch – Victoria Point - early**  
**Target Species: Snapper**  
**Barbeque about 11am**

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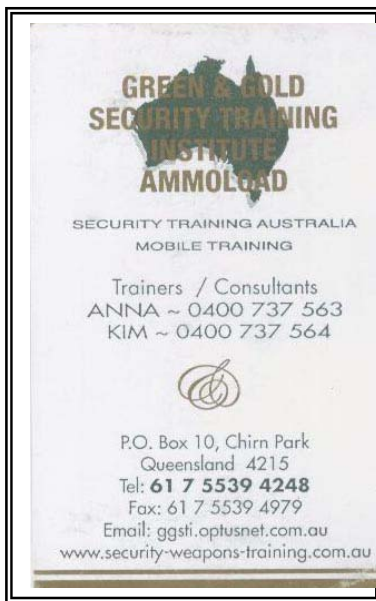


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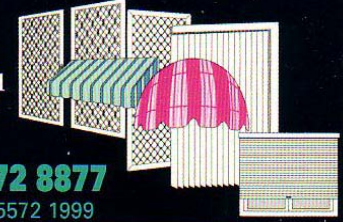


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